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Thanksgiving By Contraries

By Flora Charlotte Finley



F I'D ONLY been lucky enough to have had another name !' mused Patience Stanley as she stood at her ironing-table one morning. "Impatience, now, would suit me to a T, and I am sure I could live up to my name in a truly universe there it

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had been a little hasty in her reply, "a thing like that does make a person think more of such things I suppose." "What do you callate to do for Thanksgivin'?" asked Mrs. Swan. "I suppose you'l have somebody here or go-somewhere," she added vaguely as Mrs. Stanley did not at once reply but bent stiffly to put another stick in the stove. "Well," she said as she rose from her stooping position and shook the particles of wood dirt from her apron-"I don't expect to do any different from any other Thursday-that's the day I always sweep my upstairs chambers and I do' know 's I feel called upon to upset my housekeepin' just because the President has appointed that day to celebrate. I'll celebrate by bein' clean I guess-I haven't no kinfolks to come and none to visit, so what's the use?" "Oh! " murmured Mrs. Swan, dismayed at such mheard of sentiments. "I didn't mean to hurt your feelin's, Mis Stanley. If we was goin' to be hum ourselves I'd sure ask you to join us but we're all goin' to my son Elnathan's to dinner-him and his wife 's allus been to our house, but this year they said as how it wasn't quite fair for us not to come to their house sometimes 'n anyway the baby is kind o' deli-cate and Mary was afraid to bring her as far in the cold-she's my first and only grandchild you see, 'n

I wouldn't have 'em take any risks with her for nothin' in this world.'' "'How old's your son?'' abruptly inquired Mrs. Stanley. "He's just thirty," replied Mrs. Swan with pride. "'If my Ben had lived he'd a been thirty, too,''

pride. "If my Ben had lived he'd a been thirty, too," said Mrs. Stanley, turning swiftly away and beginning to fold her ironing-sheet. "May be if he'd lived, I'd had something to give thanks for, too," she went on. "Now I feel's if everything I'd loved and cared for 's gone and it don't matter what I do." Her voice broke and she wiped her eyes on the holder. Mrs. Swan's eyes were dim. "Well," she began, "I feel for you, Mis Stanley, I do indeed. But you have this to console you—he's safe now, 'n if he'd lived he might not have been a comfort to you after all. You've got that to be thankful for. I must go home now. Good bye Mis Stanley. Come over soon."

soon." Mrs. Stanley stood still when Mrs. Swan left her. Through the window she could see her visitor's brown plaid shawl passing through the gate and on past the barn across the field where stood her own house. "Rather backhanded thankfulness," she mused to



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Pilgrims Going To Church

Pilgrins Going To Church herself. ''I guess I could find a good many things to be thankful for I haven't got. That's a funny idea,'' the suddenly exclaimed aloud. ''Thanksgivin'by con-traites! I'Il do it! Let's see. What have I most to be thankful for not possessin'? I'm mighty thankful I don't have to be laid up with a broken hip like poor Nancy Blake over there!''she said as she saw the smoke rising from the chimney of a small house some distance across the fields. ''I guess while I'm bakin' I'l make her up a batch of things. May be she won't have a regular Thanksgivin' dinner this yea. There with this pleasant idea Mrs. Starley quite forgot her gloomy feelings and actually hummed her pie-ernst, crimping it artistically around the edges and have acretully washed and foured. There now! That looks good enough to eat sure, if I do say so,'' she remarked with pride as she pushed plance at the clock. ''I'll take it down after dinner 'n get some slips of her geranium ; she promised me or me quite a spell ago. What's that I wonder,'' as a some quite a spell ago. What's that I wonder,'' as a hor expecting to see some neighbor's child. I nistead ber that looks food before her a tamp, swoeful and misers is the tool before her a tamp, swoeful and misers is that although Mrs. Stanley hastily opened the dor expecting to see some neighbor's child. I nistead

never encouraged tramps, she hadn't the heart to shut the door with her customary firmness in the face of this man, who, in a feeble voice begged to come by the fire for a few moments. "May you get warm! Why certain. Set right here and put your feet on this piece of carpet. Have you traveled far?"

and put your feet on this piece of carpet. Have you traveled far?" "Quite a ways, marm, thank'ee," replied the tramp, holding out his blue hands to the cheerful warmth. Mrs. Stanley returned to her cooking and there was no sound in the kitchen but the ticking of the clock and the buzzing of a belated housefly on the window. "He's about the age my Ben would 'a been. I'm thankful—" Here as the sense of the word came to her she smiled through tears. "Yes, I'm thankful 'taint Ben. May be I've got an old coat and some warmer shoes that'll fit him." With Mrs. Stanley, to think was to act. Leaving the tramp alone, with (for her) unheard of carlessness, she ascended to the store room and presently came down with warm garments, faded and worn, but clean and far better than the ones the tramp wore. "Here," she said, "you go in here," opening the door into a small bedroom next the kitchen, "and put these on. They ain't the latest cut but I guess they'll keep you warmer than those rags you've got on."

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With a simple but very eloquent "thank you," the tramp vanished to return in a few moments comfortably clad and looking really happy.
"You've given me cause to celebrate Thanksgiving day, marm," he said gratefully. "Is there anything I could do for you before I go on?"
"Yes," said Mrs. Stanley abruptly. "You sit right where you was and get warm through and have a good meal of victuals before you start on. 'Taint quite Thanksgiving day but I guess a dinner won't come amiss if 'tis only Wednesday instead of Thursday."
The tramp had more than mere creature comforts to make him thankful before he went on his way for Mrs. Stanley by kindly questioning drew from him his story and by her interest and motherly advice helped the young man who was a tramp only through illfortune and not from idleness. The gift of pies and cookies baked for Nancy Blake was divided to add to the substantial lunch she put up for the boy and after he had gone she paid her visit to the afflicted Nancy and returned home in the frosty early evening carry ing the geraniums carefully turned home in the frosty early even-ing carry ing the geraniums carefully wrapped in a newspaper. As she untied the package to put them in water a little verse met her eyes. Putting on her glasses she

read:

"Do all the good you can, In all the ways you can, To all the people you can And just as long as you can."

"Well, I guess that was meant for me," she said, carefully smoothing out the wrinkles and pinning the scrap up beside the clock case. "I'll put that where I can see it pretty often and may be I can learn to live up to my name as it is." And after the light was out and sleep was very near she murmured to herself "Do all the scool you can..."

Do all the good you can—'' Yes, I'm truly thankful I found that. I have got things to be thankful from and there's lots of things I haven't got that I'm thankfuller for, so if I 'do all the good I can' I guess I won't need the President to appoint a day for my Thanksgiving. I can have it every day.'' And she fell asleep with a happy smile on her face, to dream of Ben.

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Perfect Thanksgiving

By Hilda Richmond

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and dirty with soot. It took real heroism she thought to lead the child away to the bath room and then hunt among her scanty things for a clean frock. "She wouldn't eat a bite, so I left her crying in her bed," said Mrs. Delmar when her task was finished at last. "I am afraid we will have trouble with her, for she is as stubborn as can be. If you will stay here for an hour or two, I will go out and buy some dresses and shoes for her. Did you ever see anything so horrible as the clothes she had on? I should think any woman would know better than to dress a child in dark gingham." "Fred told me his wife had been in bed for almost three months and Elizabeth was in charge of a very incompetent hired girl. He said they dreaded to send her to the city looking as she did, but it was im-possible to remedy matters. You know, dear, where there is sickness in the house a great many things must be excused." But Mrs. Delmar was already on her way down the lowed except when special permission was granted by the manager. "If she were only beautiful and bright when he remembered the trapromising child with tear stained face and bunchy clothes, he was forced to sigh and be glad she was only to be with them a short ime. "I have engaged a nice young girl for Elizabeth time

"In have engaged a nice young girl for Elizabeth and found some pretty clothes," said Mrs. Delmar bursting in on his revery. "Has she cried or called? The new maid says she is sure good clothes will make a difference and she is to keep her out of doors as much as possible. The only fortunate thing about it

all is that this pleasant September weather will make it possible to keep her out of the hotel. I really begin to feel better since I can depend on Maggie to take care of her. You remember Maggie, Charles? She was with Mrs. Keith three years and has had all that experience " that experience.

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 "To tell the truth," said Mrs. Delmar rather reluctantly, "I haven't seen the child since the day she came. Maggie gets up early and takes her out for a walk and I have been so busy with calls and receptions and shopping I have not had time to think of her. Maggie says she is all right and doesn't ery any more. I will ring and have her brought in so we can see for ourselves how she looks."
 "Isn't she a dear?" asked Maggie with pride as she led her small charge into the sitting room and noticed with delight the astonished looks of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar. "Go on, Elizabeth. Don't you remember what Maggie told you to do?"
 "Can it be possible?" said Mrs. Delmar 'holding out her hand graciously to the timid child. "Come here, dear. Uncle Charles wants to see you."
 Mr. Delmar thought of the frown and sigh of two days before and said to himself that clothes make a great difference but in his hearthe was relieved to find that they had made a difference with Elizabeth. He lifted the little girl in her simple white dress and dainty shoes to his knee and searched in his pocket for the tcy he had remembered to bring her. "Suppose we take her down to dinner with us, Helen," he said." "Maggie may like a few minutes for a walk or rest since she has had her all day."
 "I am perfectly delighted," said Mrs. Delmar when they came from the dining room, "with her behavior. In these days when children are so pert and forward it is a relief to find a shy little one. Isn't she lovely, when she lets her curk at dord by little thing."
 "I hope she won't he spoiled by attention," said Mr. Delmar. "She is likely to become a great pet, if she keeps her delightful ways, and a fashionable hotel is no place for a child. We must let Maggie way like she her out dord the other day? I am ashamed to think how coldy I met the tired, discouraged little thoirg." "I hope she won't he spoiled

erty and T never have a chance to enjoy her till evening." "What do you think Mrs. Keith said to me today?" asked Mr. Delmar after Elizabeth had been tucked into her little white bed one evening. "She said she would like to have Maggie back again and thought we could give her up at once because we would have Elizabeth such a short time. Did you ever hear of such a thing? I told her in a hurry that we couldn't think of letting her go. If she wants Maggie so bad, let her wait till we can do without her." "I'm sorry you said that, dear," said Mrs. Delmar with a little flush. "I have been hunting about for an excuse to discharge Maggie so I could have Eliza-beth all to myself. I would like nothing better than to take care of her all the time, for I am afraid the child loves Maggie more than she does us. It may be selfsh and jealous to feel so, but I can not be happy when I see Elizabeth clinging to her and with her constantly. The little thing needs some one to love aud care for her more than a hired nurse." "Helen, you don't know how happy it makes me to

"Helen, you don't know how happy it makes me to hear you say that," said Mr. Delmar with a little choke in his voice. "The poor child has never really had a home in her short life for this is the fourth place

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she has lived within five years. I am so glad you will give her your time and love so that she will always have this one bright spot to look back to when she goes home again. Fred and his wife will, no doubt, do their best as they have done since she has been with them, but an invalid can not properly care for a child. I never saw anyone blossom out as she has done."

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boy one crisp October evening. "Of course I am sorry for her but if she can not get well maybe they will let

for her but if she can not get well maybe they will let us keep Elizabeth always." "Let us keep her?" cried his wife with fine scorn. "I don't think we will ask their permission. I have known for weeks and weeks that we simply can't exist without her so that settles it. And, dear, what do you think about taking a house so we can leave this place. I saw old Mr. Rawson kissing Elizabeth today much against her will and it provoked me more than I can tell you. We must have a home where she will not be fondled by strangers. She can not be as happy here as if we had her all to ourselves." "I never wanted to live in the hotel so that will suit me exactly," said Mr. Delmar. "Can we get it all ready for Thanksgiving? I should like to celebrate the day in a fitting manner for we have much to be

the day in a fitting manner for we have much to thankful for."

"Of course we can," cried his wife joyfully. "I am sorry I have been so selfish but I will try to do better in the future." "The best Thanksgiving day of our lives," said Mr.

"The best Thanksgiving day of our lives," said Mr. Delmar as they set out for church with the bells ring-ing for the glad festival echoing and re-echoing all about them. "We are to unite with the church today, we have ourselves and dear little Elizabeth, we are settled in a home that I have longed for for years and everything is well. I can ask for nothing more." "Nor can I," said Mrs. Delmar wiping two happy tears away. "We are blest with more than we deserve and it seems this little treasure is the crown of all." She squeezed the little hand that nestled in her own and thought of the reluctance with which she had con-sented to receive Elizabeth for even a few weeks. "I hope Mrs. G— is better and able to rejoice this glor-ions day."

sented to receive inflaterin to the rejoice this glor-hope Mrs, G— is better and 'able to rejoice this glor-ious day." "I think she is slightly better," said Mr. Delmar rather carelessly "I hope so too." Cousin Fred's wife was always Mrs. G when they spoke of her before the little girl and she never knew how much depended upon the state of health of that lady. It was impos-sible for Mr. Delmar to wish that as fervently as his wife because of certain fears concealed in his heart. "I never had a dinner like this before," said Eliza-beth gravely after Mr. Delmar had asked his first bless-ing at his own table in his own home. "How did you think of all these nice things, Auntie?" "It is the nicest dinner I ever had too, Elizabeth," said Mr. Delmar beaming over the plump brown tur-key at the little girl. "I don't see either how Auntie ever thought of the turkey and the potatoes and the gravy and the fruit and all these nice things." "And the pie in the oven," prompted the little girl with dancing eyes. "There were two pies yesterday *Continued on page twenty-eight*)

The leaves are fading and falling, The winds are rough and wild, The birds have ceased their calling, But let me tell you, my child, Tho' day by day, as it closes, Doth it darker and colder grow; The roots of the bright red roses Will keep alive in the snow.

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And when the winter is over, The boughs will get new leaves, The quail come back to the clover, The swallow come back to the eaves. The robin will wear on his bosom A vest that is bright and new, And the loveliest wayside blossoms Will shine with the sun and dew. WRITTEN BY ALICE CAREY

The leaves today are whirling, The brooks are dry and dumb, But let me tell you, my darling, The spring will be sure to come. So, when some dear joy loses Its beauteous summer glow, Think how the roots of the roses Are kept alive in the snow.

Amanda's Trip

By Mary Ella Lawrence

"Its all nonsense Amanda, talkin' o' takin' such a trip at yer time o' life, the old farms been good 'nough all these years, and what yer expect to find in New York that 'ill beat it, 's more'n I know;'' and folding his wrinkled hands, Joshua Jinkins cast a shy glance to where his wife sat comfortably rocking, with a lock of plain aversion on his ruddy face

a look of plain aversion on his ruddy face. "Yes, the farm's been good 'nough," she answered slowly, "but we've skrimped and saved all these years, hopin' for something different, and," with a wistful expression, "why not enjoy the trip with me Joshua?"

Joshna?" He drew out his red bandana, a sure sign Amanda knew, that his mind was set. "No," he said de-cidedly, "yer say yer goin' to stay a month, I couldn't stan' it nohow, beside the spring works comin' on, I must attend to the farm." So it was decided that Amanda must go alone to appease her strong desire to see what she called a little of the world, while her neice Ann Maria would care for the house, and keep their home comfortable for Joshna.

Joshua.

Joshua. "Do you think the wardrobe I have prepared will be sufficient for my trip?" she asked Ann Maria, as she was busily packing the next morning. "There's my grey suit for traveling, the black silk for church, and my old cashmere turned to wear for a morning dress. My bonnet's new, and I shall take my knit hood, in case I get acquainted with the neighbors, I shouldn't want to wear my best clothes every time I called, not even on so short an acquaintance." "But Aunt Amanda, I don't s'pose they have neigh-bors in New York." "Don't have neighbors," and Aunt Amanda raised

"But Aunt Amanda, 'I don't s'pose they have neighbors in New York." "Don't have neighbors," and Aunt Amanda raised her spectacles in surprise. "Be the houses so fer apart in that great city?" "Well, Joe Stone was there a year ago, an' he thought they lived too near together." "Oh law," with a significant sniff, "probably they'd had some tiff when Joe was there, but I shall get 'long all right for yer Uncle Joshna can tell, that I never quarrel with my neighbors," and so saying, she laid her wardrobe carefully in the trunk, as if each article was honored to accompany her on so grand an event, as a trip to the great city. Meanwhile Joshna was leaning against the barndoor, solemnly munching a baldwin apple. It seemed a terrible calamity to have Amanda packing her trunk, when they had not been separated aday in their married life. He had no faith in Ann Maria's ability to run the household, he would have said she was too much afraid of "siling her hands," and as the chickens gathered around the door, he threw his half-eaten core staright at the proud white rooster, causing great con-sternation among the fowls, who had never seen the old gentleman in such a state of desperation before. He wandered idly around, stealing an occasional glance at the sun, as the hour drew near when Amanda

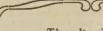
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parting in their married life. "You'll help Ann Maria with the churnin'," Aunt Amanda said as they drove down the hill, "and don't let the yaller cat get into the milk-pail Joshna, that cat does seem possessed the minute the milk comes into the house. And you might spade my garden when you have the time, so I can plant the asters and holly-hocks when I get home;" then after a painful silence, "Tell Ann Maria to dry a few of those russet apples, they last longer for the dumplings if there are a few pounds dried now." pounds dried now.

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Joshua sat grimly silent, making no answer to these last injunctions, only occasionally giving vent to a groan of assent as his wife talked hurriedly. To tell the truth the tears were very near the surface, but manlike he choked them back, saying as they reached the station, "I s'pose you'll write and tell us how yon get 'long." "Yes," faintly, as if the sight of the puffing engine had dampened her high courage. "I've got two postage stamps with me, and I pre-sume I can get more of 'em in New York,'' and the next moment Amanda was hurried into the car, where with one nod to her vanishing sponse, she went speed-ing on so fast, if seemed that the hills and valleys were flying back to the quiet country, as fast as she was going to meet the anticipations of what her trip had in store. The time sped on, each hour the sky grew darker,

The time sped on, each hour the sky grew darker, until a drizzling rain steaming the windows, she settled back to get what rest she could in her cushioned seat.



Thanksgiving.

Hushed as the silence that follows praise Is the mystic peace of the autumn haze, That soft and mellow and touched with old, Wraps hill and vale in its lustrous fold; Here and there by the sunshine kiss'd To violet, amber and amethyst, Or blown by the breath of the breeze away From the meadows shorn and the woodlands ray

We've heard the last of the wild bird's call, We've watched the loose leaves flutter and fall; There are empty nests on the naked bough, There's a dream of snow on the mountain's brow; The summer's work is over and done, And the brown fields sleep in the waning sun; Fruit of the harvest is gathered in. And grain is heaped both in barn and bin.

And up from the homes that are richly blest, Dowered with abundance and crowned with rest, And up from the hearts that in highest mood, The lowest bow in their gratitude, Anthems arise to the Giver of all, Whose love beholds if a sparrow fall-Whose matchless grace on the earth hath smiled, Like the parent's look on a cradled child.

From near and far as the household bands, Cluster and clasp in the best of lands, That aye in the wash of the silver sea Hears the lofty music of liberty. That still where its mighty rivers flow Sees peace and learning and progress grow-From near and far to the God above Are lifted the strains of a nation's love.

And even from those who must sit apart In the glimmering twilight of the heart, Whose hopes have faded, whose dear ones lie With pale hands crossed 'neath the autumn sky. Because there is healing after strife, And a conquering faith in the better life-From the sad and the worn, as the last leave fall, There ascends a psalm to the Lord of all. Margaret E. Sangster in Harper's.

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues.-Cicero.

> But let the good old corn adorn The hills our fathers trod ; Still let us, for his golden corn. Send up our thanks to God ! Whittier.

Join voices, all ye living souls, ye birds, That singing up to heaven's gate ascend, Bear on your wings and in your notes His praise. Milton.

We bow our heads before Thee, and we laud And magnify Thy name, Almighty God! Wordsworth.

Thanks be to God! to whom earth owes Sunshine and breeze,

The heath clad hill, the vale's repose, Streamlet and seas,

The snowdrop and the summer rose, The many voiced trees.

Frances Ridley Havergal.

For all the good that life supplies, For all the sovereign will decries, For mercies old, for mercies new, For skies o'ercast, and skies all blue. Mary M. Adams.

Cherry hearts and smiling faces, Gentle speech and ways, Make a cloudy, dull Thanksgiving Sunniest of days.

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Now is the time to forget all your cares, Cast every trouble away; Think of your blessings, remember your joys Don't be afraid to be gay! None are too old and none are too young

To frolic on Thanksgiving day.

An old man snored in a distant corner, while a baby opposite, woke to cry for hours in its tired mother's

opposite, woke to cry for hours in its fired mother's arms. Aunt Amanda removed her bonnet, the constant jar of the train making her head ache. She thought of Joshua riding back to his lonely home, a vague fear entering her heart that something might happen to her loved ones while she was away, but putting aside such thoughts, she tried to compose her nerves, until at last the day came to an end, and she found herself rumbling into so large a station that it seemed to her it would cover the whole of their humble farm. She followed the crowd to the noisy entrance, where the shouting and rumbling nearly dinned her ears, and securing a cab, asked to be driven to a 'quiet boarding house.'' Arriving, and being conducted to a room, she was requested to ring for anything she might require. The men soon followed with her trunk, and looking around the small place, she won-dered where they could set the dear old family relic, large enough to accommodate a family of ten, and which made one of the men exclaim—''Why didn't she bring her bedroom!'' as he stepped out of the room. room.

She went to the windows, looking down a She went to the windows, looking down such a height, that a magnifying glass was needed, she thought, to tell the images in the muddy street. Perhaps one was provided, but turning, nothing of the kind met her view, neither could she find a bell, although the man had said to ring, if there was anything she counied required.

required. She opened the door, and calling a maid who was passing, asked if she thought her mother could make her a cup of tea? The girl entered her room, touched a button in the wall, then speaking though a tube, gave the required order, while Aunt Amanda stood watching with anxious, but bated breath. "Well, I never seen the likes o' that a'fore," she said gasping, "I suppose your ma's at t'other end of it."

The girl answered that she was a maid in the hotel, and passing outside, Aunt Amanda drank her tea, and ate the toast which was soon brought, then retired for a much needed rest.

a much needed rest. The next morning she arose early, but being told that breakfast was served at eight, she ate the remain-ing apple turnovers, and started out for an early walk. The streets were lined with people seeking their work, as the early whistles blew, and Aunt Amanda was hurried along with the crowd, until reaching a corner she pansed to gain her fleeting breath. A man crossing the street, and eyeing her closely, stopped to beg a few pennies for a cup of hot coffee, then as she closed her purse, another approached, until Aunt Amanda would have been surrounded, had not a policeman appeared, scattering the beggars in all directions. directions

directions. "You had better keep your money madam," he said kindly, "they only want it for a morning dram," which made the old lady turn with horror, at the thought of aiding such a crime. She passed on quickly, and turning into a wide street, entered a store so immense, that she paused in admiration at the beatutiful things which the scene directory of the street of the scene directory of the scene di

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displayed. "I must buy something for Joshua, and Ann Maria," she thought, as she stopped by a counter where some gaudy vases were exhibited, and taking one in her hand, she asked the price of the clerk who was closely there are a some some sources and the store of the stor following.

following. "Seven dollars," she replied, causing Aunt Amanda to jump in amazement, wondering what the thing was made of to cost so much money. "We have cheaper ones," the girl continued, taking another from the shelf, "this is five-fifty, and the pink one four ninety-seven," but Aunt Amanda turned away, it would not do she felt, to ask for anything as small as fifty cents worth on that counter. She next came to the parasols, and a red and black

She next came to the parasols, and a red and black one being open, she thought how Ann Maria would enjoy to carry one like that to "meeting" when the

summer came. Another lady was also admiring the same one, and turning it carefully in her hands. "Twelve dollars," the clerk called, which made Aunt Amanda hurry past, feeling that the prices in New York were far beyond her means, and choosing a striped necktie, and a dainty handkerchief, which she knew would be as well appreciated, she found the door and wandered up the crowded street crowded street.

A clock in one of the windows showed it was nearly twelve, and feeling faint, she entered a restaurant, where seating herself at a small table, she ordered a

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"Will madam have a light lunch also?" the waiter asked with a low bow. "Yes," Aunt Amanda answered, "just a few fried potatoes, or anything you can warm quickly." Whereupon a grand spread was laid before her; soup, the desired potatoes, veal, and other viands which were served in the best way. Aunt Amanda was faint, and she ate heartily, al-though the cup of tea was not like her own "home make," but the china and silver were grand, and the table did look so nice, that she rose feeling as she drew a silver half-dollar from her purse, that it was well she had eaten her lunch, before returning to the hotel.

hotel

The waiter stepped quietly forward, laying a check

Floral Culture

By Henry Wood

Plants For Hanging Baskets

Among Basket Plants suitable for culture in ordinary Among Basket Plants suitable for culture in ordinary windows nothing is better than the Othonna, with its peculiar, fleshy foliage and its innumerable little yel-low flowers which give it such a bright and cheerful look. Another good hanging plant is Oxalis Rosea, with pretty clover like foliage and clusters of bright flowers which are delightfully fragrant; it is almost always in bloom.

Culture of Cyclamen.

Few rules need be observed to make a success of the culture of this magnificent plant. First keep the soil light and loose so that air can readily reach the roots, avoid sudden changes of heat or cold; it will endure either extreme quite well if not too sudden change from one to the other. The older the bulb becomes, the more blooms it produces. Be sure and plant the bulb, which is flat, so that the base only touches the soil; in this way it shows no disposition to rot as it may if buried entirely as other bulbs are.

Late Planted Bulbs.

Late rianted builds. While it is better to plant tuilips in October and November, it is possible to plant even as late as Febru-ary and still secure a fine display of flowers. The same is true of hyacinths, and to some extent of nar-cissus; but crocuses should all be planted before December, to get satisfactory results. Those who defer purchasing and planting any of the hardy bulbs until after December 1st, can expect to have failures among some of the kinds and the longer the work is deferred the greater the number of failures. Readers are therefore urged to buy and plant the bulbs early.



Star of Bethlehem.

Star of Bethlehem. The Arabian Star of Bethlehem is one of the very best bulbs for winter blooming. It is a lovely sight when in bloom, and its chief charm is in the fact that its blossoms remain so long in a perfect condition. I have known them to stay for weeks without fading when kept in a cool arom and not allowed to become dry. The bulbs must be treated in every way like the hyacinth. Put in a five or six inch pot, after watering well set away in a cool dark place to form roots, when well rooted bring to the light, and in a short time the buds will appear. The flowers grow in large bunches on a tall stalk, sometimes eighteen inches high, and are pearly white, about an inch in diameter, and have a jet black spot in the center. They have a decided aromatic odor, each individual blossom has six petals, out of doors it is hardy, and will remain year after year. vear

The Best Winter-blooming Plant.

The Chinese Primrose is the best plant for winter-blooming in the amateur's window. You do not need a special temperature to succeed with it; any window will suit where there is sufficient light, and a cool temperature is better than a warm one. It has no insect enemies; good seedling plants in four inch pots or better still, painted tin vessels. Given a well lighted window in the living room, carefully watered so the roots will have a regular supply of moisture as needed, and the surface soil stirred occasionally is all that is necessary to produce a free display of the elegant flower clusters throughout the entire winter and spring months. The colors range from white to deep crim-son, as well as striped and spotted, and the foliage is The Chinese Primrose is the best plant for winter-

exquisitely fringed in various forms. Choice seeds of Chinese Primrose are expensive and but few florists can successfully grow the plants from them when they have a supply, for this reason this superb winter bloom-ing plant is not so well known as it should be and its merits are often under-rated. To the reader who wants a fine reliable winter blooming plant the Chinese Primrose is confidently recommended.

Starting Gloxinias.

Care must be taken in starting gloxinias to have the crown up. The smooth rounded part of the bulb de-velops the roots, while the rough or uneven parts de-velop the tops. If the top or crown end is placed downward growth is uncertain, but even when properly planted the bulbs sometimes start tardily, due perhaps to inexplicable causes. The soil should be porous and kept moderately moist and warm, and then Nature should have time to start the growth. With good bulbs properly planted and treated, and sufficient time given frr development, disapointment will rarely occur.



Beds of Mixed Tulips By Florence Beckwith

Beds of tulips of the same habit of growth and time Beds of tulips of the same habit of growth and time of flowering are usually recommended, especially for amateurs, but much pleasure can be obtained from a bed of mixed varieties. Between the time of flowering of the earliest and the latest varieties there is a differ-ence of several weeks, and a very great difference in habit, manner of growth and coloring. One who buys a few of several different classes, Van Thols, parrots, bizarres, bybloems, will have both early and late blooming sorts and thus the pleasure of the season will be prolonged. be prolonged.

be prolonged. If, instead of planting in one solid bed, the bulbs are mixed indiscriminately and planted in clumps or masses along a border of hardy perennials, the surprises and varied beauties of the combinations will afford still greater gratification. Then, too, when one has a set bed, the perfect symmetry is destroyed if even one blossom be picked, while, if planted in scattered clumps a flower can be picked here and there and never be missed.

set ped, the perfect symmetry is destroyed if even one blossom be picked, while, if planted in scattered clumps a flower can be picked here and there and never he missed. A tulip which attracted much attention in a mixed bed last spring was Rose Grisdelin. Beds of early tulips had been planted in the same location for years. They had always attracted more or less attention, but not much audible comment. A dozen bulbs of Rose Grisdelin were procured the previous fall and happened to be planted all together in the center of a bed. When they bloomed, they elicited universal admiration and unlimited questions as to the name. Certainly they deserved it all for they were both delicate and showy. The blossoms are pink and white, the pink becoming deeper as the flowers grow older. They grew taller than the early red and yellow varities and the blossoms lasted well. A whole bed of them or a large clump by itself would make a beautiful feature in the garden or in the border of hardy perennials. Another beautiful tulip is the Gesneriana, if one can obtain the real true sort. The blossoms are very large and the deep blue band at the base of the petals forms a beautiful contrast to the rich, dark red of the flowers. Unfortunately the real Gesneriana is scarce and a variety which has the blue band at the base of the petals but of which the color is a magenta or pink-ish red is frequently substituted for the true one, caus-ing much disappointment and vexation of spirit to one who has looked eagerly forward to their blooming. The Gesneriana grows taller and blooms later than most other sorts and so is most satisfactory if planted by itself, or, at least, not in a bed with early bloom-ing varieties. The bizarre tulips are not as generally cultivated as the gaver sorts, but, in spite of their dull coloring,

most other solve has been able to have a series of the ser

The Utility of Ornamental Vines

By Sarah A. Pleas

(A prize-winning article in our late contest)

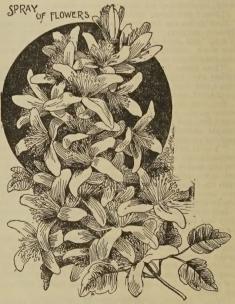
(A prize-winning article in our late contest) Comparatively few home makers avail themselves of the comfort and beauty to be derived from the free use of ornamental vines. The argument is sometimes used that where they are trained on a building they injure the paint, and cause the house to be damp and un-healthy. From long experience and close observation I find the reverse to be true. Those which cling to the wall absorb all the moisture available, stretching their leaves out to the height where they swing loosely, permitting the free circula-ion to air beneath them, alike protecting the walls from sun and rain, whilst keeping them both cool and dry. Where they have grown for years, if they were detrimental to the paint it would show the paint to be in much better condition where protected by vines.

instead of this, investigation will show the paint to be in much better condition where protected by vines. For use on a residence those of small growth seem most suitable, yet we have seen a grapevine so per-fectly trained and pruned as to really be a thing of beauty and especially attrative when laden with its ripe fruit.

ripe fruit. Conceding the right of each home keeper to choose between bare walls and porches with hot sun, and the cool comfort and artistic beauty secured by a suitable selection of vines, with the additional attractions held out to our song birds for nesting places, I shall dis-course on the individual merits of those I have found I put the Virginia creeper at the head of the list, a

most desirable. I put the Virginia creeper at the head of the list, as being everywhere hardy, and when once planted will ever after take care of itself. It is simply without a rival. Its size may be regulated by deadening any undesirable branches when dormant. If not thus restricted it will cover the entire building with a shimmering mass of dark green foliage, reaching out its numerous small branches which are swayed with every breeze, the longer ones falling in graceful drapery from window caps and cornices in the most decorative manner. No tree or shrub takes on more varied and beautiful autumnal tints, in addition to which are innumerable large loose clusters of navy blue berries on bright crimson stems, these clusters of eight to ten inches grow in close proximity through-out the entire length, even on the swaying branches and are of themselves very ornamental and are irresist-able to our native birds which come in great flocks daily to partake of this dainty feast hung out for them until all are consumed long after the leaves have fallen. Most Honeysuckles are desirable, but where denses shade is required Hall's Evergreen is best. It twines and is quite hardy, has very sweet flowers and con-tinues long in bloom. Hop vines too make pretty, dense shade quickly. If hops are cut when green, they make elegant decorations for frames and chanda-liers during winter.

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A Spray of Clematis Blooms

A Spray of Clematis Blooms The Akebia Quinati is a favorite for planting be-tween bay windows, twining around pillars and drap-ing and festooning balconies. A few sprays should be encouraged to drape arcistically over the glass, when it will appear from the room within that each window is a beautifully framed picture. It is a woody vine of very slender growth, having numerous long branches no larger than knitting needles which intertwine form-ing innumerable festoons around and over windows and balustrade. The beautiful dark green, leathery, long stemmed palmate foliage, grows in clusters with

pendent plum colored fragrant flowers at each joint along the old wood, clothing them down to the very earth; retaining their bright green color until they fall, and never attacked by any insect. Being an ever-green in the South they cling to the vine well into winter, and in a sheltered position a few leaves remain on until spring. on until spring. Clematis is alike the pride of every one who has a

Clematis is alike the pride of every one who has a fine specimen, and the envy of those having none. Where shade or a dense screen is desired the small flowering white kinds are chosen, but for a gorgeous display of color Jackman's blue and Lanuzuinosa Candida with its immense white flowers with numerous black stamens may be supplemented with a bright red and the effect will be dazzling. For several successive weeks they unful their bright colors, to the breeze, and on our National Holiday they drape our windows and piazzas right loyally with their red, white and blue in natural harmony with the song birds and their surroundings, more beautifully suggestive of the peace and comfort within than are the silken stars and stripes which float above the portal.

which float above the portal. It were well if those who like flowers and shade would make a note of the most desirable vines they see during their season of blooming, and thus be ready to determine what kinds and where to plant, either in October or in the early spring.

The Pumpkin

Oh! greenly and fair in the lands of the sun, The vines of the gourd and the rich melon run, And the rock and the tree and the cottage enfold With broad leaves all greenness and blossoms all gold, Like that which o'er Ninevah's prophet once grew, While he waited to know that his warning was true, And longed for the storm-cloud, and listened in vain For the rush of the whirlwind and red fire-rain.

On the banks of the Xenil the dark Spanish maiden Comes up with the fruit of the tangled vine laden; And the Creole of Cuba laughs out to behold Through orange-leaves shining the broad spheres of

gold; Yet with dearer delight from his home in the North, On the fields of his harvest the Yankee looks forth, Where crook-necks are coiling and yellow fruit shines, And the sun of September melts down on his vines.

Ah! on Thanksgiving day, when from East and from West,

From North and from South come the pilgrim and guest,

When the gray-haired New Englander sees round his board

The old broken links of affection restored, When the care-wearied man seeks his mother once more,

And the worn matron smiles where the girl smiled before, What moistens the lip and what brightens the eye?

What calls back the past, like the rich Pumpkin pie?

Oh !- fruit loved of boyhood !- the old days recalling, When wood-grapes were purpling and brown nuts were falling!

When wild, ugly faces we carved in its skin, Glaring out through the dark with a candle within! When we laughed round the corn-heap, with hearts all in tune.

Our chair a broad pumpkin—our lantern the moon, Telling tales of the fairy who traveled like steam, In a pumpkin-shell coach, with two rats for her team !

Then thanks for the present!—none sweeter or better E'er smoked from an oven or circled a platter! Fairer hands never wrought at a pastry more fine, Brighter eyes never watched o'er its baking than thine! And the prayer, which my mouth is too full to express, Swells my heart that thy shadow may never be less; Utat the dors of the lot may be lengthered below That the days of thy lot may be lengthened below, And the fame of thy worth like a pumpkin-vine grow, And thy life be as sweet, and its last sunset sky Golden-tinted and fair as thy own Pumpkin Piel Whittier



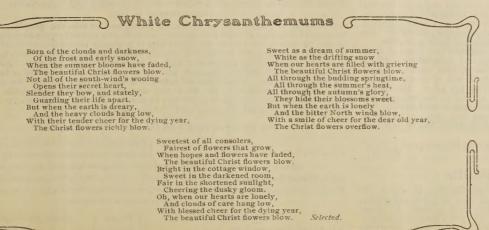
The Baby Rambler

By H. C. Phillips

No other introduction to the floral world ever made

No other introduction to the floral world ever made so great a success as the Crimson Rambler Rose. It has been planted by the million in all parts of the country, and up to this time has never been equalled as a hardy, brilliant and strikingly handsome climber. Its weak points, however, are the shortness of its blooming season, and its adaptability as a climber only. With this elegant rose as a type from which to work for perfection it was natural that every effort to improve it should be the desire and earnest endeavor of the horticulturists throughout the world. That which usually takes generations to accomplish has been brought about in a comparatively short time by the introduction of the Baby Rambler. This beautiful acquisition originated at. Orleans, France, and is a crossing of the Crimson Rambler and Glorie des Polyanthus. Fortunately it preserves the covering qualities of the latter, and retains the color and large panicles of the Crimson Rambler. Before the Baby Rambler could be accepted univer-sally, and pronounced as being perfectly hardy for the varied climates of this country, it was first necessary to fully establish its adaptability to low temperatures. The plants stood in the nursery rows in the vicinity of

varied climates of this country, it was hist necessary to fully establish its adaptability to low temperatures. The plants stood in the nursery rows in the vicinity of Rochester during the winters of 1903 and 1904 without protection, and showed not the slightest injury. Re-ports are coming from the West that the Baby Rambler is fully as hardy as its parent the Crimson Rambler, thus giving it first place among recent introductions. I consider it in reality the only perpetual blooming rose existing. It blooms in clusters, beginning at the top of the plant, and throwing out from adjacent branches umbels which fully equal in size the first cluster, and so it continues until frost. At this writ-ing, October 2, 1905, I have just inspected three rows standing in the nursery, representing three vivid crim-son streaks of bloom, and last June they appeared just as they do now. Their magnificent display has con-tinued uninterrupted during the entire summer. A bed of Baby Rambler roses will, without any room for argument, fill the desire of the American property owners for something on their lawns that is brilliant and lasting. and lasting.



Autumn Wildlings By Nat S. Green

The plants and flowers of autumn are characterized by a richness and brilliancy of coloring and a diversi-ty of form such as we find at no other season. Woodands, fields and roadsides are ablaze with color, while over all hangs the purple haze of Indian summer, like a filmy veil dropped over hill and valley, enhancing their beauty and giving a touch of enchantment to the loadscape. landscape.

When a few frosts have laid low the tender plants, the autumn "berries" take on their brilliant coloring, giving an added charm to our woodland rambles. Clumps of sumach bushes with their blood red leaves and darker fruit are conspicuous on the hillsides, while roother the conserse founds its purple fruit energy the nearby the sassafras flaunts its purple fruit among the variegated leaves.

Down by the river the wild grapevines form a perfect net work among the sycamores and willows, the dark blue clusters of grapes making a pleasing show among the leafless branches.

In the woodland ravines the true and false Solomon's seal may be found growing in clumps, the latter bear-ing a bunch of mottled berries at the termination of its stem, while the true Solomon's seal bears its seed pods at the leaf joints. Scattered here and there among the leaves stand the Indian turnips, their scar-let fruits borne aloft on a stem devoid of leaves.

The common Virginia creeper is an attractive vine, In autumn bearing scattered panicles of blue berries. The side of a dwelling covered with this vine is very attractive. In woodlands many trees are covered so thickly with it that not a limb or twig is visible. The five leaved variety should be chosen to grow upon buildings as the three leaved is poisonous to most persons.

Along the roadsides burning bush grows, its seed pods dividing when ripe, revealing the scarlet fruit within. It is a favorite for decorative purposes in con-nection with evergreens.

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Late Potting of the Hyacinth

By Laura Jones

Of course it is best to plant the Hyacinth and other spring flowering bulbs early in the fall, but if one has spring flowering bulbs early in the fall, but if one has neglected this and has not a sufficiency potted for the window garden they can be successfully potted in December and will then make quite a display in the window for late winter and early spring. I have often potted bulbs of the hyacinth in December and have had them to flower in the window by the last of February. One hyacinth will be in the window but a month at a time and are so pretty and fragrant that we should keep up a succession during the winter months, and to do this the bulbs should be potted at intervals until Christmas.

and to do this the bulbs should be potted at intervals until Christmas. I have potted the hyacinth as late as January fifteenth and have received a fair show of flowers from them, but a bulb that has been kept out of soil for any length of time soon looses its vitality and extra fine flowers can not be expected from them. Bulbs that have been brought to light before the roots have had time to form, rarely ever flower, or else the stalks open down in bulb. It is almost impossible to have too many hyacinths in the window garden as the beautiful spikes of bloom do so much to brighten up the dreary winter days. the dreary winter days.



The Life Story of William B. Moreau, Leader of the Worst Gang of

Swindlers that Ever Operated in America

TOLD BY HIMSELF

EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION.

In presenting this story to the public we perform the two-fold duty of exposing the schemes and methods employed by unscrupulous scoundrels in robbing the people, and also, carrying out the dying wish of William B. Moreau-to make reparation, so far as he could, for the wrongs inflicted on his almost countless interest.

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THE FAKIR'S CONFESSION.

"I launched my business career with a perfect understanding that it was to be conducted on a swindling basis—that I should sell one class of goods and deliver an inferior quality. My stock in trade consisted of a few good samples of maps, worth several times more than those that I delivered. At first I showed timidity, but realizing that I had no further use for sentiment, and that I must substitute pure, unadulterated gall, I immediately cast off everything that might in any way



prove a barrier to success. Having made this resolve I set to work concocting schemes that ultimately I hoped and expected would make me rich enough to re-

prove a barrier to success. Having made this resolve I set to work concocting schemes that ultimately I hoped and expected would make me rich enough to retire on a competency. "
"On the realm rolled in, to my great delight and satisfaction. Mt. Morris, Geneseo, Dansville and Avon worked well, but the second day at the latter place I took a hint to leave. It was necessary, for a constable had put in appearance and vasi more than the scheme which the second day at the latter place I took a hint to leave. It was necessary, for a constable had put in appearance and vasi maximus to find the young scamp who swindled the people of Mt. Morris. Not desiring to interview him I skipped out, and next turned up in Syracuse, where I was necessary, for a week, and then started out with a pretty lively book. I showed the work very carefully and made money quite rapidly, but, as I had acquired a weakness for games of chance, I very easily got rid of my surplus cash. In the meantime the papers stated that the market was being flooded with very objectionable reading matter, and I left town, going back to Batavia, and huse ended my first circuit. If was while relating my experience to a young man, whose name I had previonsly assumed, that we formed a partnership on the whole-sale skin plan, and immediately set to work to put it into operation. He had answered hundreds of advertisements and had full directions for working various schemes, including some sharp practice papers. "
"We organized (on paper) the 'Prairie Farm Nurseries, near Buffalo N, Y.' Of course, no such nurseries existed. All mail was addressed to the above named, Buffalo, N, Y. Helen Belle, wife of my partner, was the sceretary, and she was hown on the firm's stationery as H. B. Darriw. She was right in line in the business and answered correspondence with market ability. We operated through to sub-shows and answered correspondence with market ability. We operated through stores selling the goods. We workeed each locality for all it was worth, alter which one of us

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FOUR PAPERS IN ONE.

FOUR PAPERS IN ONE. Following is a sample of the swindling papers used to rob the people. It will be readily seen that it is an ambiguously-worded and carefully-prepared paper, in-tended to convey the idea to the signer that it is simply an agreement to sell goods as agent, paying only for what is actually sold. Later, his lawyer tells him it is an order, a contract, an assignment and a promissory note for \$250. After the swindler got the victim's signature, and out of sight, he cut the paper as indicated by the dotted lines. (There was no dotted line used in the original. We put it in by way of. illustration.) He then had the note discounted at the bank and, of course, the innocent would-be agent had to pay it. This is but one of over a hun-dred of the sharp-practice papers used by the swindlers:

The Universal Rivals All Others for Ease of Motion.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 1st, 1883.

P. O. Address, Syracuse, N. Y.

f Having this day received on trial for acceptance or return one Patent Universal Sewing Machine Six months from date I agree to return said sewing machine or to purchase same and pay to Universal Sewing Machine Co., or bearer hereof, \$25. In establishing this agency the Co. agree to the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars in case of sale of 10 machines and agree to accept same as value received for that number of machines.

IAMES SMILEY.

For the JAMES VANDEBOGART. Company . Gen'l Agent

(To be continued in the December Vick's.)



FOR THE CHILDREN

Grace for Thanksgiving.

For all Thy care and loving kindness, Lord

Accept our thanks who gather 'round this board Thy goodness in each perfect We see

thing: The sky, the sea, the bird on happy

wing, every blade that makes the velvet And every

With hearts and lips in wonderful accord Do we recount the blessings on us poured, And lift our voices hymns of praise to

sing For all Thy care.

Help us to help the needy and ignored; Teach us mere riches no true peace afford, And grant to each that he may often bring

Some consciousness to Thee of laboring To prove, O Guardian! a worthy ward, For all Thy care. Edward W. Barnard, in the Criterion.

Richard Leghorn.

BY CHARLES A. HARTLEY.

Richard Leghorn was an orphan, and Richard Leghorn was an erphan, and when I made his acquaintance he was a little mite of a fellow under the care of a fussy foster mother. He had a brother James and a half-brother Peter, and a half-sister who had been christened Susan. This made five in the family and it was all Mrs. Leghorn could do to find encough to get for the youngeters. Her enough to eat for the youngsters. Here efforts in that direction were commendable in the highest degree, seeing that she was not bound to the orphans by the ties of blood, and that she was not legally responsible for their support. Whatever she did for the homeless brood was actuated by compassion and maternal instinct.

It might be stated in passing that the It might be stated in passing that the father of these orphans had been im-prisoned for attempting to assassinate three colored residents of the same neigh-borhood about the time of the adoption of the orphans. John Leghorn was a high strung, domineering creature of well defined likes and dislikes. One day in a fit of passion he made the assault which sent him to prison. After the first flurry of excitement and griet had passed the dispraced family did

arief had passed the disgraced family did not appear to take the matter to heart to a very great extent. Richard was the not appear to take the matter to heart to a very great extent. Richard was the most promising youngster of the four, but it must be confessed that at times it seemed that he had but little higher ambition than to eat and sleep. When occasionally he did arouse himself to the fact that every creature in the world, be it ever so humble, has its mission to ful-fill, he spluttered and blustered around for a while and then lapsed into his old habits of indolence. The only ground on which I could excuse him was that he was growing rapidly and as a con-sequence was naturally sluggish, besides his home training and inherited inclina-tions had not been the best.

his home training and inherited inclina-tions had not been the best. During the summer which the family was under my observations I spent a large portion of my time swinging in a hammock in a grape arbor, while I labored on toward fame and wealth with pencil and tablet. The orphans came about every day, but were quite shy for awhile. The foster mother seemed dis-trustful of me and appeared to warn her charges to be on their guard as to ad-vances by strangers in general and myself in particular. Within a week, however, by a judi-cions distribution of sweet meats I had gained the confidence of the younger

gained the confidence of the younger members of the family and particularly of Richard. He seemed to think that there was no such attractive playground as around my hammock. For hours at a time he sat about on the grass and gazed time he sat about on the glass and gated at myself and my work without moving a muscle. Sometimes his eyes would tall shut in spite of his efforts to remain wide awake and he would nod drowsily,

but the least movement on my part would arouse him and he would resume his usual clatter which was of no particular

neuser in a later would be a particular interest to any one. Richard was of a jealous disposition. When his brothers and sister came about to share my little favors it made him peevish and fretfull. While he did not openly resent their presence his actions always made it plain to me that he did not enjoy himself when they were about. When a playtul mood did overtake him he plucked at his companions and pre-tended to make merry with them, but his natural roughness of manner made the others shy of him. No doubt by this time it has dawned on the reader that Richard was not human in many things. This conclusion is cor-

in many things. This conclusion is cor-rect. He was a young, thoughtless, rattle-brained rooster, whose paternal protector as stated in the beginning of

rattle-brained rooster, whose paternal protector as stated in the beginning of this sketch, was shut up in the coop for attempting to brain three pet crows. The happiest day of Richard's life was when he uttered his first unpolished crow. It surprised him and all his rel-atives when that discordant sound smote the air After trying his yocal organs the air. After trying his vocal organs a few times to make sure of his abilities, he came to my hammock and rehearsed his acquirements for my benefit. At first he stood off a few yards and threw back his head until he had to dig his toe-nails into the ground to keep from falling on his back, and ejaculated his new-found salutation with great pride and vehe-mence. Then he came closer and re-peated time and again his harsh and jerky notes, finally flying to a grapevine not over a yard from my face, where he con-tinued his gymnastic and vocal feats. In the mean time he chuckled in an appar-ently boastful manner and in a language which his brother James, and his half-brother and sister, Peter and Susan, the latter two being Plymouth Rock half-breeds, seemed to fully understand.

In one respect Richard did not mani-fest selfishness. The very next morning I saw him trying to get his less progres-sive companions to crow, and insisted on usan trying it herself. Before the summer had ended Richard

was decked out in all the gay plumage of the male of his species and had become an expert at the crowing business. The last I saw of him was the morning I left. He stood on the gate post in front of the house and crowed lustily as I passed from sight down the shaded country road. He seemed to say: "Come-back-a-g-a-i-n, do," dropping to a low key on the last word.

How Patty Gave Thanks.

Ah! how snug it was in the barn that cold November night! Farmer Gray shut cold November night! Farmer Gray shut all the doors as if it were winter weather, and then went away glad to think that the animals were warm and comfortable for the night. No sooner had the sound of his footsteps died away than a cow raised her head and gave a faint bellow. "News!" said she, "News! Some-thing beautiful happened to me today. It was just before I turned out into the field this morning. Little Patty came running up to me and began to stroke my forehead. "You good old cow!" said she; 'I had some milk to drink at break-fast and I know who gave it to me, and

she; I had some who gave it to me, and so I have come to say thank you. Mother told me this morning that this was "Thank-you" day; and then the dear child put a delicions apple into my mouth and laughed to hear me crunch it! I am so glad that my milk is good and rich. And she thanked me for butter and cream and for her papa's cheese, too, the grateful child!"

"You say well, Neighbor Cow; a grateful child she is," said the farm horse. "I was in the stall just before they harnessed me to take the family to church, and little Patty came to see me, too; and she thanked me for all the rides too; and she thanked me for all the rides she had had on my back and in the hay-cart, and for dragging the plough and for bringing the flour from the mill. Then,

bless her heart! she reached up and gave me a big mouthful of sweet-smelling hay. I tell you, I'll trot my prettiest the hay. hay. I tell you, I'll trot my prettiest the next time I have her in the carriage!' Bob gave a pleased whinny as he said this, and, as if in response, a noise came from the sheep barn. The sheep barn joined the larger barn, and at the door-way between stood a mild-faced sheep, who began to speak in her own way. ''So little Patty went to you, too, did the? Low tell you have curreited when

she? I can tell you I was surprised when she brought me and the rest of the flock an extra dish of salt this morning, 'This is to say thank you good Sheep' said is to say, thank you, good Sheep,' said she. 'We talked about you in the kin said she. 'We talked about you in the kin-dergarten and I know that our worsted balls are made of your wool, and my new mittens, and my flannel petticoat, and my winter coat and dress, and Jackie's clothes, and the blankets—and oh so many things! How funny you would look with them all on your back.'

on so many things! How fullify you would look with them all on your back.' Then she felt of my wool and patted me with her gentle little hand. I do hope that my fleece will be a good heavy one this year, and how I wish the wool might be used for little Patty!'' ''Well, well!'' said the Cow, ''the child did make it a real 'Thank-you day,' I am sure; for besides thanking me, and you, Bob, and you, Mrs. Fleecy, I heard the Hens saying today that sle had been showering corn down for them by the double handful and saying 'thank you' for the eggs which they had given her. She told them that she liked the eggs for breakfast, and that her mamma made cake with them, too. I wonder what put it into her head to come and thank us all.''

mate cake with them, too. I wondet, what put it into her head to come and thank us all." "It was her good little heart that put it into her head," said Bob, wisely; "and I think I know the reason she came to-day, for as I was trotting along the road to and from church, I heard the family talking a good deal about to-day being Thanksgiving Day. And when Patty's grandpapa asked her if she knew why Thanksgiving Day was kept, she said: 'Oh, yes! It is the day to say "thank you" for everything, and that is morning.' " 'And to whom did you say 'thank you' out there?" asked her grandpapa. " 'Why, to all of them,' answered Patty; 'to Bob and Molly cow, and the sheep and the hens.'

Patty; 'to Bob and Molly cow, and the sheep and the hens.' '' 'Very good,' said Grandpapa, 'very good indeed, little Thankful-heart. I am glad you thought of the kind, useful creatures from whom we get so many things for our pleasure and com-fort.¹¹ fort.

many things for our pleasure and cour-fort.'' As Bob repeated what Patty's grand-papa had said, sober Mrs. Fleecy gave a little caper of delight, and Molly Cow heaved a sigh of deep satisfaction. Kind, grateful words are pleasant to any ears. It was now bedtime and the animals began to settle themselves for their night's rest. Mrs. Fleecy went back to her woolly companions in the sheep barn; Molly cow sank down restfully in her stall; and Bob, after stamping and tramping a few times bent his long legs under him and lay down upon his fresh straw bedding. But before they went to sleep they spoke again of how happy dear little Patty had made them with her thanks and her gifts. Emnite Foulsson From In the Child's

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Thanksgiving Days.

The first Thanksgiving Day in all hiswas the Hebrew Feast of the Tabertory nacles

England's first national Thanksgiving was Sept. 8, 1588, for the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

Spanish Armada. Only the United States keeps a regular annual national Thanksgiving. In 1633, the Massachusetts Bay Colony set apart a day for Thanksgiving. From



to skate if there is no good ready made one. Should the job be too large for one boy, he can generally get his chums to help him out, certainly there will be no lack of people to help use it when it is made. It is not necessary to have a big pond or a river to skate on, a spring or a creek which you can step over will give a lot more of good skating in a winter if you go at it you can step over will give a lot more of good skating in a winter if you go at it right. Of course the necessary part is a dam to hold back the water for a pond. And it must be made so that a heavy raim or spring freshet will not wash it away or make a big hole in it. To prevent this the waste water must run away through a place that will not wash out while it is big enough to carry all the water, so that none will run over the



bank anywhere else. As long as the water runs through this place and the muskrats don't make holes in the dam you will have no trouble with a bank of Now this bank of dirt means work, dirt. so the lower you can make it the better, and at the same time have it high enough to prevent the water from running over it. Shoveling a few inches of dirt off it. Shoveling a few inches of dirt off the highest hummcoks will save a lot of work in making the dam. The spillway, (as the place for the extra water to run away is called) is the most important point and it should be made first. If your water supply is a spring get a log about a foot thick and ten feet long and cut a notch as shown in drawing No.

about six feet long and four inches



deep. Decide where your dam is to go and find the place on the line where the ground is at the same level as you wish to have the water in the pond. Dig a trench at this spot for the log so that the bottom of the notch is even with the top of the ground as shown in drawing No. 2 and fill with mud by filling the hole partly full with water and keeping it full enough for it to cover the dirt as it tall enough for it to cover the dirt as you throw it in. Pile the dirt over both ends of the log as shown in drawing No. 3, now go ahead and make your dam, shoveling the dirt from the pond side of the dam. Leave a channel for the water to go through until the last thing, as dry dirt isn't so heavy as wet. Make a channel for the waste water so that it channel for the waste water so that it will not run beside the dam and wash it away. If the pond is a small creek that you can step across two of these spill-ways should be used. To have good skating ice, the water should not rise and fall over two or three inches. If there is a hole where the water is about four feet deep, gold fish will live in it the year around. A few gold fish will keep a big pond free of mosquitoes. Did I hear somebody whisper swimming? Your mother can probably tell you where to get water lilies, arrow heads and water

to get water lilies, arrow heads and water hyacinths to plant. It is useless to try and make a pond if

the dirt is very sandy or gravelly, as the water will soak off without filling the pond; but if the ground is swampy, no trouble will be had and you will be rid of a mosquito incubator.



Pattern Nos. 5150-5141

Fancy Tucked Blouse. 5150

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lace edging. The pattern 5150 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

Five Gored Tucked Skirt 5141.

There is no skirt better liked and none more graceful han this one. It is ansolutely simple, reducing the bor of making to the minimum while it takes most atisfactory lines and folds. The model is made of oral blue mohair, stitched with belding silk, but the kirt is one suited to all seasonable materials and will a favorite through the entire autumn and winter. the tiny tucks over the hips give a yoke effect with-ut curtailing apparent height and do away with ulk at that point. The skirt is out in five gores that are shaped to give enerous fuiness on the lower edge. The quantity of material required for the medium ize is 8½ yards 21, 7½ yards 27 or 4¾ yards 44 inches edge.

The pattern 5141 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and



Boy's Russian Blouse Suit, 5143

Pattern Nos. 5147-5185

Shirt Waist or Blouse. 5147

Shirt Waist or Blouse. 5147 To BE MADE WITH OR WITHOUT THE FITTED LINING. The possibilities of the shirt waist seem literally wind attractive styles and always is novel at the same time that it fills its established place. Here is one that is among the yeary latest shown and that is with the same of the style style style style that is another year. This incked on quite many cotton and linear waistings which many wemen like for the entire year. This incked on quite indexisting the style style style style style be centre where there is an effect obtained of two box plates, while the back gives the tapering lines that are were and are full at the shoulders and harrower at were stand care full at the shoulders and harrower at the write consists or the site of foundation, which for the used or omitted as material renders desirable, the taket consists or the full foundation, which for the used or omitted as material renders desirable. The quantity of material required for the medius the case of the waist are lapped beneath the take as days of history and so for so and so as a so as a two as a so and style style so as a so as a so as a two as a so as a so

Wide. The pattern 5147 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34. 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust measure.

Seven Gored Skirt 5135.

Seven Gored Shift S153. PERFORATE POR WALENES LENETI. There is to be no radical change in skirts with the coming of the autumn and the general tendency of plain fit over the hips with fulness below will continue. Here is one of the newset of all models that can be utilized either for walking length or for the indoor gown that is made round, or with a slight train, and which is exceedingly graceful in both styles. In this instance the material is mohair, stitched with belding slik, but the design will be found available for the present as well as for all the suitings and many mat-erials of the coming fail. The plaits provide ample and sufficient fullness while in addition they conceal all seams.

and sufficient fullness while in addition they concear all seams. The skirt is cut in seven gores, two plaits being laid at each front and side seam, while the fullness at the back is arranged in inverted plaits. The stitched hem is held sufficient finish and is perhaps smarter than any trimming for the waiking length, but the round skirt can be elaborated with banding applied after any manner that may be preferred. The quantity of material required for the medium size is 9½ yards 27, 5½ yards 44 or 52 inches wide when material has figure or nap; 7% yards 27, 3% yards 44 or 25_2 yards 52 inches wide when it has not. The quanter bits is cut in sizes for a 22, 42, 28, 28 and 30 inch waist measure.

For Small Boys.

For Small Boys. There is usuit that pleases the small boy better than this one and none that is better adapted to his uses. The fact that it includes trousers asisties his mannish ambitions while the blouse is so loose and comfortable that it allows of absolutely free movement and all the activity necessary to a growing boy. In the llustration the material is a striped mohair, but cheviot, flannel, serge, velvet and velveteen are all appropriate, color and material depending upon the occasion upon which the suit is to be worn. For a boy of four will be required 34 yards of material 27 or 2 yards 44 inches wide.

Three-Quarter Coat. 5133

Three-Quarter Coat. 5133 PREFORATED FOR SHORTER LENGTH. The fitted coat makes the very latest decree of fashion and will be a pronounced favorite of the-autumn. Here is one of the simplest and best that can be made in either three-quarter or half length and that is adapted to all suitings. It is severe but in its cus renders it less difficult to make than the more elaborate ones. As shown the material is childon broadcloth callow gray in color stitched with belding silk, while the buttons are crochested silk in matching solor, the shade being a new and most desirable one while the material is always handsome and peculiarly well adapted to early fail. But the suitings of cool weather are many and one and all can be utilized for the dest. us cus renders it lees difficut to make than the more elaborate one. As shown the material is chiften broadcloth callow gray in color stitched with belding slk, while the buttons are crocheted slk in matching color, the shade being a new and most desirable one while the material is always handsome and peculiary well adapted to early fall. But the suitings of cool weather are many and one and all can be uilized for the design. The coat is made with fronts, backs and side-backs and nnder-arm gores and is finished with regulation colar and lapels. The sleeves are in the preferred coal style with roll-over cuffs at the wrists. When

liked the coat can be made shorter in halflength. The quantity of material required for the medium size is 6 yards 27 3% yards 32 inches wide for three-quarter length ; 5% yards 27, 2% yards 44 or 2% yards 52 inches wide for half length. The pattern 5135 is cut in sizes for a 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inch bust measure.

Nine Gored Side Plaited Skirt. 5107

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Loose Box Coat. 5154

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Tucked Blouse or Shirt Waist 5081.

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an especially desirable one for the linen and other washable fabrics which shortly will be in such de-

Pattern Nos. 5154-5107.

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Helps for Home Dressmakers

By May Manton

November is apt to mean the begin-ning of a busy season. Not alone has cold weather come upon us but also the holidays are at hand and many demands upon the time of the wife and mother are certain to be made. The question of proper clothing, however, is one that never can be omitted and suggestions as to how to supply the demand of the various members of the family will, prove as welcome as at any other period. The winter is to be a time of generous variety and costumes of a great many sorts will be correct. Nothing, however, is smarter for street wear than the blowse jackets and nothing

wear than the blouse jackets and nothing is better suited to home making. They do not require the careful fit of the tail-ored sort, in fact, in-volve no greater skill than that necessary for a waist, while they can be made as warm and as comfort-

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warm and as comfort-able as may be liked. The one illustrated (5000) is among the best offered and can be made either with 5000 Blouse Jackst,

5000 Blouse Jackst, **32** to 42 bust, portion, which is quite separate. The tacks give becoming lines and do away with all severity while there is a pretty little roll-over collar at the neck. Velnucle roll-over collar at the neck. Vel-veteen, cloth and, indeed, all suitings are appropriate, and worn with even the simplest fur scarf the jacket will be found to provide sufficient warmth for even a cold winter's day. To make it will be required 256 yards of material 44 inches wide.

-Skirts that flare at the lower portion while they are perfectly smooth over the hips are among the most fashionable ones of the winter, both for walking and for the house. This one(5148) can be made in either length and is exceptionally graceful and becom-ing. Again, it is so shaped that it allows of making over from

of making over from one of last winter's plaited ones with perfect facility. The gores are narrow, and if the material has no up and down, can be cut out most eco-

be cut out most eco-nomically. In addi-tion to being exceed-ingly stylish it is Skirt, 22 to 30 walst. also exceedingly be-coming to almost all women, as the many seams give a slender effect to the figure which is always desirable. For the street there are almost numberless suitings worn there are almost numberless suitings worn this season, homespuns and cheviots as well as broadcloth and velveteen, and the skirt suits every one of them. For in-door wear cashmere and henrietta are having great vogue and both are graceful and satisfactory, although there are many additional ones which might be sug-gested. To make the skirt will be re-quired 4½ yards of material 44 inches wide, if there is no up and down, if there is it will require 6¼ yards. In No. 5166 is shown an exceptionally attractive blouse which lends itself to remodeling and home manufacture as very

manufacture few can be said to do.

The fancy yoke with the extensions, that outline the box plait, at the front makes most effective and satisfactory trim-

November is apt to mean the begin-ing of a busy season. Not alone has old weather come upon us but also the olidays are at hand and many demands pon the time of the wife and mother re certain to be made. The question of the time of the data waists silk and such light For the odd waists silk and such light weight wools as cashmere are well liked, while for the gown everything that is seasonable is appropriate. 21% yards of

material 44 inches wide would be sufficient for the entire waist where new material is used throughout.

Yoke waists are to be very fashionable this winter and ex-ceedingly pretty, while at the same time they are replete with currentian for

time they are replete with suggestion for the combination of materials,* which so often is necessary in the remaking of the Blouse, 32 to 40 bust. se as on 's garments. This one No. 5158 is among the prettiest that has been shown and can be made that has been shown and can be mate that either of silk, cashmere, henrietta and the like or of any pretty soft material that may be at hand, with the yoke and cuffs of silk, of plaid or of figured material so that there is a generous oppor-tunity offered for the exercise of individturnly offered for the exercise of individ-nal taste. The yoke is oddly shaped and is joined to the full portion of the waist, the closing being made invisibly at the front. 2¾ yards of material 44 inches wide will be sufficient when one material only is used.

No woman of judgment allows herself or her daughters to be without a restful negligee. The hour of rest taken at some time through the day is essential to health and should be so regarded, while whatever contributes thereto is to be regarded as a penessity. In the illuswhile whatever constructs. In the illus-be regarded as a necessity. In the illus-tration (5174) is shown a kimono which involves the least involves the least possible labor in the

making and is sim-ple in the extreme,

yet so graceful and attractive that the

most exacting girl will be glad to slip it on for her after-noon rest. In this

case the material



case the material is a Japanese cotton crepe while the bands are of plain wash silk. The crepe is quite inex-pensive and can be had in a variety of of colors, but there is almost no limit to the materials that can be used. Cash-5174 Long or Short

Kimono, 34 to 42 bust. can be used. Cash-mere is much seen and light weight wash flannels are also and light weight wash flannels are also appropriate while again, cotton crepe in plain colors is quite warm enough for many women. Silk banding is pretty but not obligatory as any contrasting color can be made effective whatever the material chosen may be. The long kimono is apt to be the more satisfactory

the material chosen may. be. The long kimono is apt to be the more satisfactory for winter use but the pattern allows of cutting, off and making one in sacque style if desired, so that two garments are really provided in one. Again, if liked the yoke can be of one material while the ki-mono is of another, or the yoke and the bands can be of one. 7 ½ yards of material 27 inches wide will be required for a woman of medium size with two yards of silk for the bands. The children and their needs are of inmost effective and the bands satisfactory trimming, which can be cut from plaid, from velvet, from silk or from almost any contrasting material with perfect success.
5166 Fancy Blouse, 32 to 40 bust
tensions of silk, the waist being of wool,



6167 Child's Long Coat. 2 to 8 yrs

and as cold weather approaches nothing is more certain to be needed than such a long, protective coat as shown in 5167. As illustrated it is made of red Melton As illustrated it is made of red Melton cloth trimmed with a little banding but corduroy and velveteen are greatly worn this season and are always pretty for the little ones, while there are also a number of cheviots and other rough cloths which are a bit less difficult to handle than the smooth ones. The cost is absolutely are a bit less diminist to handle than the smooth ones. The coat is absolutely simple and is so easily shaped and fitted that even the least experienced mother could make it with success. The coat sleeves with the leg-o-mutton suggestion are seen upon many of the handsome coats but are no more fashionable than coats but are no more fashionable than the full ones, so that individual pre-ferences makes the only deciding point. The strap at the back confines the full-ness but is not necessary and can be omitted and the back left to hang plain if better liked. For a child of six will be required 21/2 yards of material 52 inches wide

inches wide. The simple blouse dress is the one in which the school-girl is apt to look her

best. No. 5176 is among the best that have appeared so far this season and has been selected both for that reason and be-cause it lends itself to the combination of naterials with un-usual success. The little chemisette and the cuffs made of plaid or of any fig-ured material are al-

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ured material are al-ways pretty and it often happens that by using such the dress of last year can be quite easily made over. The waist blouses after the manner apt to be becoming to childish figures and is closed with buttons and buttonholes at the back, while the skirt is simply gathered at the top and joined to it. The band of plaid in the skirt is pretty but not necessary as many of the (Continued on page (hirty-nine) (Continued on page thirty-nine)

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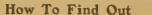
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down our sorrow.

Dear Friends and Readers:—I wonder it ever occurs to you, as it certainly only by filing one's life with various interests, or some one interest and trying iankful than we are for the many

All commutations for this department is the for its three, New York City. The for its Street, New York City. The for its Street, New York City. The for its Street, New York City. The construction of the search of the many blessings we possess—for our health, our friends, our intelligence. A friend of mine, the mother of a family of children, told me that when they were babies, as she bathed and dressed them every morning she would thank God that they were physically prefect. How few of us ever think of thanking God for our mercies, but take for granted all the good that befalls us, as if we somehow had a right to it. But if any trouble overlakes us how quickly we rebel! And yet, in many cases, if we had only been more truly thankful, and had appreciated the good things we possess, we should have done more to preserve them, and thus have avoided many of our sorrows. The younger generation has so many more advantages of education and so much comfort compared with what their provide them with these comistry. How much been with these controls. Too much importance is placed on mere to provide them with these controls. Too much importance is placed on mere to provide the most threes the should be many sacrifices made by others in order to provide the most threes the should be many sacrifices made by others in order to provide the number depression of all these qualities—courteousness in manner and speech to all, whether be-thered and the outward expression of all these qualities provide seem to think if foremost entitled to respect and consider-tion, and that good manners are just as necessary at home as when one goes visiting. Many people seem to think if to be considered gentlemen and hadies proved manners. The whole secret lies in unselfishners, in considering the feel-in unselfishners, in considering the feel-in unselfishners, in the whole secret lies in unselfishners, in considering the feel-in unselfishners, in considering the feel-in unselfishners, in co manners.'

manners." We seem to have wandered from our subject—gratitude, but in reality we have not, for if children were taught from their earliest years to be grateful to their parents and to all those who are good to them, as they grew older this mental at-titude would be reflected in better man-pere — Mre W ners.-Mrs. W.

From a Widow.

From a Widow. Dear Mrs. Walter:-I thought I would write and ask you to give me the benefit of your advice and sympathy. Last year I lost my dear husband, who had been my friend and companion for fifteen years. The shock was so great that brain fever set in and I was taken to the hospital, as my friends thought I would have better care. Fortunately, or un-fortunately, I have a wonderful constitution, and after being Ill for some time I rallied, and am now in perfect health. But it is so dreadful to ome back to my lonely home where everything reminds me of my dear husband that I some-times think I cannot stand it another day, and I am afraid I shall become meiancholy. What would you advise me to do? I should be so grateful if you would suggest something that would make my life happier.-Mrs. L.

by the happier.-Mrs. L. Dear Mrs. L.-I sympathize heartily with you in your bereavement and can quite understand how everything about you recalls your loss. Some people like to indulge their sorrow, but I feel just as you do, and think there is great danger of your becoming melancholy if you do not get an entire change of surroundings. I would advise you to go away for at least one year. Go and travel somewhere --see new places, new people, and try around you. Remember that all grief is selfish for we are really mourning for ourselves and for our own loss; but still

Why not cross the ocean, as that would be a more thorough change than travel-ing in this country and you would find a great deal to interest you in Europe. In your case it might be best to join a party going over, and you would have less chance tr be alone and to brood over your sorrow. You will get fresher ideas and learn more from a European trip than in any other way I can suggest, and at the end of a year your mind and spirit will be refreshed and invigorated and you can then take up some interest that will fill your life. With all sympathy and good wishes.—Mrs. W.

Why not cross the ocean, as that would

From a Country Girl.

Dear Mrs. Walter:--As I see that you answer all sorts of questions, I am going to ask you to tell what you advise me to do.

I am just a plain country girl, always lived a home until my parents died since then have been boarding with some relatives: I have a fair edu cation and a little money, but not what I bellev is called "Culture." Until lately I was quite con-tented, but since last summer I am getting rest. less and want to improve myself. Many visitors from the city come here in the summer and sometimes they lend me books and talk to me as if they thought I knew as much as they do and I do not want them to think I am too ignorant. How can I improve?

Country Girl:--It is a very good sign that you are not satisfied with yourself and with what you know, as there is so much to learn, and many people who have plenty of time have so little have ple ambition.

If you have time to study I should ad-vise you to take up the Chautauqua course or some of its branches. There (Continued on page thirty-eight)

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low as I journey on from day to day, come ou other wanderers in my path: ome sad, some singing, some in bitter wrath, ud some join with me for a little way— fot always very far. Perhaps we see hat one step moves too slow and one too fast; ome I have overtaken, loved, and passed, and some there are who would not wait for me.

Some cross my march just once-across the lawn I hear a footstep, we shall almost meet! Alast we may not stay too long to greet! A nod, a pleasant word-and he is gone! How many million friends there are whose lot Keepst.tem outside my path fort.ife's short while! But through the distance and the dark I smile; For I can love them, though I see them not. Scleeted R. B. Hale.

Scheted R. B. Hale. Sisters, whether you are my dear young mothers or patient busy mothers, it seems to me the above poem nicely fits my talk this month; for November is peculiarly a Jubilee month. I have as deep a senti-mental interest in December, May and September, an interest based on life lessons of my own, but in November it is good to look over the letters, from my readers taking time to look back, dream and muse over the lives these represent, recall the victories of some with throbs of joy and have faith that the afflictions of some others are but precious seed for

and muse over the lives these represent, recall the victories of some with throbs of joy and have faith that the afflictions of some others are but precious seed for future victories wherein the soul shall bear witness to the close relationship be-tween physical and spiritual, and the deeper meaning of "the Heartsease idea," the vital value of sex knowledge, the moulding power of woman's and mother's love, which shall be so plainly seen, so clearly understood that many, who do not now perceive these truths, shall later adopt them unknown to me. Yes, some letters tell sad news of loss; but I see no black borders to these letters as I gaze upon them in deep sympathy but a purple and golden light encircles them as I consider that these little plucked flowers are now in bloom in God, the All-Wise Father's Garden, and He is very fond of these heartsease babies for thoughts of them remain so sweetly all through life with the parents that they learn to look forward 'and upward "for Baby's sake," and when some day, grown old, they ponder where "are all the chil-dren gone?" lol they feel sure that one is salest of them all—the one who went Home first, the one waiting so happily. Let your thoughts of your dead—nay "sleeping" child be help, not hindrance to you and the child. A wise theory, dear hearts, teaches we are in such close spiritual touch, invisible though our loved ones seem, that fretful, rebellious, passionate grief harms the souls of those newly born to heaven, as our moody, ugly temper injures those newly born to earth. It is so natural to think of the "might have heer's," the "if only's" which stab a tender mother like daggers. Do not indulge in these reflections. Let the warnings or lessons learned, if any, help you to take just so much more pre-cantion but do not live nervously or fear-fully. God's angels have guard—and noving though we are we are but human and can not avert evil by fear, though by love and trust we can secure an atmos-phere in which all the family thrive. There are several books I w

the Heartsease Libraries. Then I turn to the cheerful side. Last Thanksgiving Day I was remembered by some of the mothers and grandmothers and I preserved those letters as a charm against soul-loneliness in those "rainy days" of age when effort ceases and I shall only review the past. Bless the writers, they did me so much good Then proudly I turn to my "Continued Personal Correspondence." Here are reports full of victory and in them I per-ceive a golden future, of expectant

mothers whose timid hearts need and seek private personal help, and of the end when joyful welcome was given "another Heartsease baby." And shall I ever lose my interest when some little maids have been given the name so sacred to me as a symbol of faith and endeavor..."Victoria?" Nay, but my heart must ever follow each in love through life, and as I am still middle aged I may see these, too, blossom into young mothers. There, too, are the beginnings of my Heartsease Photograph Album wherein every sort of a picture of those babies whose mothers conscientionsly claim they received some help, physical or mental, is to be preserved to be my very proudest possession. (In case of a fire I fancy I should manage to save that album!) mothers whose timid hearts need and

album!) Then the Libraries! Language can nct set forth all I dream shall be the harvest from these. Surely many nearly separ-ated lives due to indifference whose causes they scarcely can analyze, many sickly, "nervous" wives, many nnneces-sary home martyrs, many possible divorce-cursed homes reconstructed into editions of Eden,—these are worth while as dreams for me. for me.

Send forth one love-thought—how it grows strength of soul in some one— somewhere. Crush out one thought of despair or hate, force your will to for-give or to be patient and you are weaving Heaventh garments for your coul Heavenly garments for your soul, grow-ing so glorious you would scarcely believe it to be your own inner-self. Weave such purple and golden thoughts daily. Waft some loving ones to the busy workers and thus help them to per-

Reward! There is no need--few claim to have been so much blest by do-ing the little services which were near to hand as I, your friend, and therefore I am keeping jubilee.

Note:-I am quite as able to enjoy remem-brance letters or Thanksgiving Day letters as I was last year. All who write I claim as special helpers because the strength I thus acquire in-spires me to do more in my field.

res me to do more in my neut. "For this is the rule of existence, That burden and blessing are kin; And gratitude, love and affection Through sacrifice often we win. This life would be robbed of its meaning. If we lived as the birds of the air; And we closest come to each other When hardship and sorrow we share; Event

From The Lookout

The Young Mothers.

The Young Mothers. We shall discuss a very important de-tail of baby's wardrobe this month and I regret that I need to impress the fact that it is important because I have seen and heard so much of an all too common desire to slight the provision of diapers of suitable texture or in sufficient quant-ity and I must strongly protest also against the abuses due to diapers wrongly-used and cleansed so improperly that the atmosphere is polluted and the unhappy infant suffers diseases, such as bloody chafing, interigo, fissures, etc., in their extremely painful forms. It is wise to tear up soft and truly old sheets and pillow slips into eighteen inch squares on the expectation of burning most of these during first month but I personally prefer a softer material and quite as economical a plan and advise using the old sheet fabric later on, be-cause it requires, unless burned, more effort to properly launder as one needs and daily the laundry work becomes a cross at a time when less labor all round for home workers is a point to consider. My favorite method is this; buy the cleap-

for home workers is a point to consider. My favorite method is this: buy the cheapes cheesecloth (about three cents a yard) and cut first size diapers on eighteen inch

plan into squares. As these can be re-tained for washing if wished, provide two dozen and with these use inner squares, small, about six by six inches squares, small, about six by six thenes and insert into each a thin layer of either aseptic absorbent cotton or plain cotton batten. These are to be burned each time (and you will find a similar provi-sion excellent wisdom during any jour-neys with Baby before he is "trained,") and you should have four dozen ready. Similar ones made long and narrow are liked by the nurse for the mother's use. For the steadier use later on prepare two dozen of "antiseptic cotton diaperine" in twenty-inch size. There are some new ideas now in diapers which are worth try-ing, such as the "pinless" form, the form fitting, the Alpha, which seek to eliminate useless folds and prevent injury such as "bow-legs." With all ordinary forms of diapers this must be remembered: Do not cruelly bundle poor baby either summer or win-ter with heavy and large canton-flannel diapers, nor use a lot of diapers of any texture on the plea that you do not want baby to wet bed or clothing. I never liked the use of some forms of "diaper protectors" though once they were all that existed but nowadays no excuse remains for any mother who once learns that stork goods are perfect, being thin, light, sanitary and easily cleansed. Do not allow baby to lie wet all night or go thus unheeded hours together dur-ing the day. Yes, in cold weather one must rise shiveringly, but of course that is a lesser evil. Have you not those luxuries and comforts, either felt slippers or bed-socks so cheap and so good? Have you a warm dannelette gown? If not, do get one at once, for ''our baby'' must acquire good habits of cleanliness by the daily care we give him. To punish a baby later on for using diapers when we have until then allowed him to do so, is cruel, unjust and lazy. Begin before third month to ''hold out'' baby in your lap, holding a small warmed chamber, or at is months have one of those excellent ''toilet seats,'' ''babichairs,'' or ''babettes,'' which take so little room that one can be carried on a trip, and be generous with praise but do not ever punish unl

diapers on the Ideal ironing machine and not exhaust any strength. The progress which is visible in many aids for tired mothers quite causes me to envy young mother readers. I urge you to not offer useless bodily sacrifices on the domestic altar and count it as econ-omy. Alas! economy—how many lives are wasted in thy name!

Helpful Things for Mothers.

Helpful Things for Mothers. To add to my pleasure I have had a chance to investigate the methods and value of a correspondence course in Home Kindergarten. I am simply enthused by the news I give you of its blessing to mothers whose little ones can not attend such schools and the help it is to little two-year old tots I fully appreciate. It is not expensive and as I reflect on my own yearnings over my first born, how often I said, "if only every mother could teach Kindergarten at home" —and sighed! It seems to me I must urge others who feel thus to write for the cir-cular matter which more fully describes this beautiful and hopeful plan. (Continued on page tizently-eight)

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Homemade Chicken Waterer.

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Take one of the straight up and down milk cans, small size, and a pan that doesn't leak.

doesn't leak. If the pan is four inches deep, put a nail hole through the can about three and one-half inches from the top (not bottom remember); now fill can full of water, turn pan over top of can and quickly invert the can and all and you'll find the pan will stay just full'and the hen can get her head in to drink but can't get her feet in to dirty the water. In sum-mer the water will always stay cool and in winter, if you fill the can with hot water, it will keep warm at least all day. Fill the can with milk, once in a while, if you are keeping the hens for eggs.— M. L.

Oatmeal Bread.

Oatmeal Bread. Place in breadpan about 6 o'clock, P. M., two cups rolled oats, two table-spoonfuls of lard, two teaspoonfuls salt and three-fourths cup molasses. Pour over these one quart boiling hot water. Let this stand until lukewarm, then add two-thirds compressed yeastcake dis-solved in a little warm water and two quarts bread flour. Stir thoroughly, raise over night. In morning add flour enough to knead, put in pans, raise, and bake one hour and twenty minutes. This makes two double loaves, and is light, sweet and delicious—better two days old.—M. W.

Marshmallows.

Marshmallows. Six tablespoonfuls of water; two tea-cups of white sugar. Stir until it begins to boil, then boil until it will form a so't ball when dropped in cold water. Soak two tablespoons of gelatine in six tablespoons of water about twenty min-ntes and pour into the symp and stir until thick! Season to taste. Pour the candy into a suitable dish well powdered with three X sugar, spread out and dust well with sugar, set away to cool—in cold weather three hours will be long enough—in warm weather it should stand all night.—w. F.

Cleaning.

Alcohol is excellent for cleaning piano keys, jewelry, and one's spectacles. A grease spot may often be removed by rubbing a piece of soft bread over it.

To Keep Salt Dry.

Add cornstarch to salt in the propor-tion of one teaspoonful to one cup and the salt will never gather dampness,—

To Prevent Rust.

Heat the articles well and rub in thorrubed in. Knives, tin or iron kettles or any article which will rush been kept for years in this manner.—w. c.

Frying Chicken.

In frying chicken break the joint nearest tip of wing and it will lay down in spider and fry nicer. Large chickens should have a little water put in the spider with them and cooked about half done before commenc-ing to brown them. They are much nicer than if cooked entirely with grease.—C. P.

Care of Milk.

Perfect cleanliness is first necessary to the flavor of milk. Strain immediately after milking leave uncovered until cool, never put close fitting cover but tie clean cloths wrung from cold water, and leave the jars where there is a good circulation of air. The milk will remain sweet much longer.-E. W.

For the Evening Lunch.

Take a tablespoonful of butter, melted, put it in a double boiler. Add to it a cup of finely cut or chopped sharp rich cheese, when melted add a cup of bread crumbs previously soaked in a cup of sweet milk, stir well, add salt and pepper, last add one well beaten egg. To be eaten on a slice of bread, or crackerš.—A. P.

To Keep Cranberries.

Lemons, and cranberries kept in water will retain their freshness for a long time. Have kept them for months by changing the water.—A. P.

How to Make Pictures.

Very pretty pictures can be made by cutting attractive, pretty things out of magazines and pasting them on colored cardboard. Passe-partout, or black paint on the edge makes a pretty finish, and a little hanger pasted on the back near the top completes the picture.--M. S.

To Grow Good Turnips.

I had tried for years, without success, to grow turnips that would not be strong, until two years ago, when I had the ground freshly worked, then thoroughly spaded and raked in, plenty of wood ashes either leached or unleached. I have no trouble now, to get sweet turnips. I also treat my ground the same, before putting out my celery plants. I empty my ashpan from the cook stove once a week on my rose bed and work it in.—M. H.

To Fry Potatoes.

Pare and slice potatoes (Irish). Sprin-kle with salt, roll in flour, drop in deep fat (frying hot) when sufficiently brown lift with wire spoon or ladle. (They do not absorb the fat.)—w. o.

To Roct Tea Roses.

Take cuttings (from thrifty roses) place in sandy soil, turn a glass over the cut-ting, let it remain four weeks, then take glass off. Cultivate well. They will bloom the first season. It is better to take off the cuttings before the leaves put out in spring. They can be rooted even after the leaves are grown. --w. o.

To Keep Cider Sweet.

Rack off cider at first working and be Rack off cider at first working and be sure all pomace is strained out of it. To a barrel of cider add either of the following: Half ounce oil of winter-green and half ounce oil of sassafras mixed in one pint of alcohol; or take two ounces of ground mustard seed, two ounces of ground allspice and a half pint of olive oil mixed with one pint of al-cohol.—I. R. cohol.-T. R.

Extracts.

Get three fresh vanilla beans of a drug-

Get three fresh vanila beans of a drug-gist, break in small pieces, and put them into a half pint of alcohol. It will be fit for use in a few days. To make the Lemon extract grate the rind of three lemons into a half pint of alcohol. In four days pour off into a bottle and add one ounce oil of lemon. This will make a strong flavor at less than half price. Orange extract may be prepared in the same manner as above. — M. R.

Sweet Apple Pie.

Stew and siftsweet applet The. Stew and siftsweet apples as you would pumpkin for pies. To I pint of sifted apple, use I quart of new milk, 2 eggs, well beaten. One teaspoonful of ground cinnamon, I cup of sugar; 2 teaspoonful of corn starch dissolved in a little of the cold milk, ½ teaspoonful of salt. Mix all together and bake as you would pump-kin pies. This makes two pies. - J. B.

Home-made Scrapple.

With the changing of the seasons it is necessary to make some change in our diet. The different breakfast flakes have served their purpose during the summer months, but now with the ap-proach of cold weather I supply my family with something a little heavier for breakfast. I purchase a couple of pounds of pork and a piece of liver and after soaking liver in salt water I cook both together until the meat falls from the bone. After letting it cool I put it through my meat grinder. I then add water to the liquid in which the meat was cooked to the amount I wish to make. Then add rice and corn meal to thicken. After it has cooked enough add the meat and season with pepper and salt. Take it up and put in pans to harden. Then slice and fry in dripping. With nice brown bread and butter you have a good breakfast for children and older people too. If one has no meat grinder they can buy ground meat from the butcher to mix with their cereal. But I prefer to make my own scrapple. With the changing of the seasons it is But I prefer to make my own scrapple. It is much cheaper and we know what we are eating. I sometimes change my cereals for thickening, using part oat meal and part Ralston's Breakfast Food. -H. R.

A Few Useful Hints.

A Few Useful Hints. If the brass top gets loose on a lamp, meit alum and fill in the top and adjust it to the lamp at once. It is much more durable than plaster of paris. Many small leaks may be stopped in tinware, at home by the use of a hot iron, lead or solder, and acid. Your druggist will tell you the kind to get. Solder can be bought very cheap at the hardware. To solder a hole, have the article perfectly clean. With a knife, scrape around the hole. Put a very little acid on the place. Have the iron red bot, hold the solder over the hole and melt off a little with the iron, then smooth around with iron. A little prac-tice will enable one to do as fine a job as the tinner.—M. P. as the tinner .- M. P.

Uses For Wall Paper.

Almost every housekeeper has an ac-cumulation of rolls of wall paper left from papering. If these rolls have a white, or nearly white backs, they make very nice papers for shelves as the smooth surface and the firm texture can be brushed or even wiped with a slightly damp cloth, and they will not need a re-newing so often as newspapers, and will look better.—A. F.

A Saving in Lard.

Suet can be bought very cheap and five or ten cents worth of fresh suet (it should be fresh and from the kidney suet,) tried out and added to lard, say half lard and half suet, is very nice for frying cakes, some prefer it to clear lard.—A. F.

Rice Pan-Cakes.

I cup cold boiled rice; I quart sweet milk; 2 eggs; I teaspoon soda, and 2 of cream tartar; I teaspoon salt, and flour enough to make a stiff batter.—F. M. S.

Substitute for Bathroom.

When no bath room is in the house a When no bath room is in the house a very nice substitute is to have an or-dinary bath tub placed in the corner of the kitchen. Then wainscoated around the two sides exposed to view, on top should be a hinged lid which can be hooked up against the wall. This may have a nice cover or cushions on it. When not in use for bath it makes a very nice seat, -M, v.

Bone and Crockery Grinder.

I hope all of the ladies who keep poultry have a bone and crockery grinder but in case there are others like myself who haven't and yet know the value of even small bones and crockery for both plants and chickens, I'll tell you of a little thing that helps wonderfully along that line. It is simply an old flat iron and a flat stone or better a smooth piece of cement left from sidewalk.--M. L.

Home-made Chiffoneer.

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crackers come in. I placed them on the floor side by side, the open sides all down, then nailed two long strips of boards (not to thick) even with end along what was the bottom of the boxes keepboards (not to thick) even with end along what was the bottom of the boxes keep-ing the sides close together taking care to put nails in each box to hold them firmly together. Now turn the open sides up and finish for the front by nail-ing a piece of moulding or lath down each end of the boxes along the open side to within two or three inches of the top and bottom. Have two thin boards the right width and nail across the top and bottom. Have two thin boards the tight width and nail across the top and bottom. Stand on one end and we have a tall set of shelves that will stand solid any where. For a neat finish I covered the front pieces, sides and back with some old green window shades past-ing it on smoothly. For the front I have a long curtain made of buff creton covered with green vines and leaves, on the top I put a white square large enough to come down a little over the edge, it looks pretty and is very conven-ient when one can't afford to buy.— A. W. R. A. W. R.

To Remove Mildew or Rust.

Rust and mildew may be removed from colored cloth by wetting the spot with lemon juice and holding it over the steam of a boiling kettle., The color is not in the least injured.—E. N.

For the Table.

Try making a silence cloth, to use under the table cloth, of two or more thicknesses of old sheeting, slightly quilted together, for every day use. They wash easily, and wear a long time. -G. L.

Cocoanut Layer Cake.

Two cups of sugar, one-half cup of butter, three eggs, one cup of milk, three cups of flour, two teaspoonfuls baking powder. Filling for same—One cup shredded cocoanut, add whites of three eggs beaten to a froth and one cup of powdered sugar; spread this between layers and to one-fourth cup of cocoanut add four tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar and spread thickly over top.—O. P.

To Clean Lamp Tops.

Turn off the first water in which winter beans are boiled. Scald the lamp tops thoroughly in it. Wash with sapolio or other soap, that is not scouring, and have bright tops. It as the second bright tops.-F. C.

Mock Mince Pies.

I teacupful of chopped bread, I of raisins, I of sugar, I of molasses, 2 of boiling water, 3/3 cup of vinegar, 1/2 cup of butter, I teaspoonful of cloves, 2 tea-spoons of cinnamon, a little salt and nutmeg. Boil ten minutes, then bake your pies.-J. B.

An Excellent White Soap.

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If only I could induce you all to try my way of making soap, I am sure your soap bills would decrease and you would not only, bless the soap but me too. I always save all waste grease of every kind (not cracklings, but pure grease), and what I lack I buy, either strong but-ter at the stores, or tallow, either of which can be bought very cheaply. To every 5 pounds of grease take I pound Babbits lye and I quart of water, and to every 40 pounds of grease add 14

and to every 40 pounds of grease add 11/2 pounds of borax.

pounds of borax. Dissolve the lye also the borax, melt and strain the grease, if dirty, then pour all together and stir for 20 minutes. Turn into something to cool, and cut before it gets altogether cold as it gets very hard when cold. This makes a very nice white soap. I always keep a piece in a granite vessel, and pour boiling water on it, for after standing a while it makes a nice clear milky white soft soap, as soon as all is used off, refil with boiling water. This I find very convenient for dish washing, etc.

washing, etc. On wash day I add the water and set it

on the stove, as it does not melt fast enough for washing unless you do. After you have tried this you will find that it takes the place of washing powders as well as the ordinary soap. And last it will not roughen the hands the the ordinary has one by n

like the ordinary lye soap.-M. v

How to Mix Paints.

A correspondent asks us a question on this subject, and we have no doubt there are numerous painter's manuals, or books of instruction, in existence; but many of these are not very reliable. We give the following table of compound colors, showing the simple colors which produce them, which may be of some service to our inourier

them, which may be of the our inquirer. Buff—White, yellow ochre and red. Chestnut—Red, black and yellow. Chocolate—Raw umber, red and black. Claret—Red, umber and black. Copper—Red, yellow and black. Dove—White, vermilion, blue and

Drab-White, yellow ochre, red and

black. Fawn-White, yellow and red. Flesh-White, yellow ochre and ver-

milion. Freestone-Red, black, yellow ochre

and white French Gray—White, prussian blue and

lake

Gray—White lead and black. Gold—White, stone ochre and red. Green Bronze—Chrome green, black

and yellow. Green Pea-White and chrome green. Lemon-White and chrome yellow. Limestone-White, yellow ochre, black and red. Olive—Yellow, blue, black and white.

Orange-Yellow, bite, black and white. Orange-Yellow and red. Peach-White and vermilion. Pearl-White, black and blue. Pink-White, vermilion and lake. Purple-Violet, with more red and bite. white

Rose—White and madder lake. Sandstone—White, yellow ochre. black

and red Snuff-Vellow and vandyke brown.

Violet—Red, blue and white. In the above table the first-named color is always the principal ingredient and the others follow in the order of their imporothers follow in the order of their impor-tance. Thus in mixing a limestone tint white is the principal ingredient and the red the color of which the least is needed. The exact proportions of each color must be determined by experiment with a smaller quantity. It is best to have the principal ingredient thick and add to it the other paints thinner add to it the other paints thinner.

Painting Rules.

One coat or priming will take per 100 One coat or priming will take per 100 yards of painting 20 pounds of lead and 4 gallons of 0il. Two-coat work, 40 pounds of lead and 4 gallons of 0il. Three-coat, the same quantity as two-coat; so that a fair estimate for 100 yards of three-coat work would be 100 pounds of lead and 16 gallons of 0il. One gallon priming color will cover 50 superficial yards; white zinc, 50 yards; white paint, 44 yards; lead color, 50 yards; yellow paint, 44 yards; blue color, 45 yards; green paint, 45 yards; bright emerald green, 25 yards; bronze green, 75 yards.

75 yards. One pound of paint will cover about One pound of paint will cover about four superficial yards the first coat, and about 6 each additional coat. One pound of putty, for stopping, every 20 yards. One gallon of tar and one pound of pitch will cover 12 yards superficial the first coat, and 17 yards each additional coat. A square yard of new brick wall requires, for the first coat of paint in oil, 3/ pound; for the second, 3 pounds; for the third, 4 pounds. A day's work on the outside of a build-

ing is 100 yards of the first coat, and 80 yards of either second or third coat. An yaras of either second or third coat. An ordinary door, including casings, will on both sides, make 8 to 10 yards of paint-ing, or about 5 yards to a door without the casings. An ordinary window makes about 2½ or 3 yards. From "The Busy Man's Friend."

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November Jottings.

The purple and haze of the Indian Summer time sort of lull us to slumber; and we perchance forget that these beau-tiful dreamy days are but the herald and sign of the old year's dissolution. De-cember's iron hand will soon hold sway and the garden work for this year, whether completed or otherwise must for the most part be laid aside to await the coming of spring. Our work however, like that of the thrifty housewife is never done and there are always, if we look for them for them

Some Odds and Ends.

Some Odds and Lnds. How about the vegetable pits, are they securely covered? If not they should be looked to as from now on a severe treeze is liable to come at any time. A good plan is to put a second layer of straw over the pit and then cover with earth. Later on a heavy covering of manure will be a safeguard against the frost in the most severe winter. It is a good time now to institute a general cleaning up; and the best possi-ble use to be made of the rough coarse trash as vines, noxious weeds, etc., is to convert them into ashes. It is in order at any time to clean up

convert them into ashes. It is in order at any time to clean up the tools, and store them safely- away. Those that are not liable to be used during the winter should be thoroughly cleaned and painted over with a coat of oil or grease of some kind. If they are fusty, soak them over night in sour milk or butter-milk, then wipe off and oil or grease them

rusty, soak them over night in sour milk or butter-milk, then wipe off and oil or grease them. Very likely the hot bed sash needs some repairs as replacing broken panes of glass, repairing broken places in the putty, etc. The sash often becomes loose at the corners, by a broken tenon or otherwise; and handling in this condi-tion is liable to crack or loosen the putty; and worst of all to break the glass. They can be made nearly as strong as new by screwing on corner irons. These can be obtained at any hardware store and are very convenient to have on hand. A new coat of paint will very likely add much to their looks as also to their lasting qualities. By all means keep them stored under cover when not'in use and the safest way to keep them is to pile them one above the other on a firm and level foundation. There is no better time than the pres-

them one above the other on a firm and level foundation. There is no better time than the pres-ent to secure the hot bed soil for next spring's use. Secure it now rather than wait until you are ready to use it. Mix say, a quart of air-slacked lime to a bushel of soil and pile it in conical shape and cover with sufficient manure or coarse litter to prevent solid freezing. Then the hot beds can be started at any desired time; and there will need be no waiting until the ground thaws out. The spinach beds will very likely need to be covered some time during the month. Any coarse litter, will answer as the main object is to hold the snow. Asparagus and rhubarb beds should be covered with manure. If spread on three or four inches deep it will be all the better; and this should be forked, or spaded into the scil in the spring. This covering should be the best obtainable and if patt on this fall, the liquid will go right where it is needed and thus become available as soon as growth starts in spring. This reminds us that the rhubarb roots

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for any ordinary family. Spade round the roots and turn them out of the ground at any time before the ground freezes too solidly. They can be left thus until convenient to put them in the cellar or other convenient place; only allow them to freeze thoroughly before attempting to grow them. Any nook in the cellar, large box, or warm place of any kind will answer. The roots must be kept perfectly dark and of course must have some heat. After starting to grow they must not be allowed to chill or get frosted, and heat from the furnace or lamp or lantern will answer every pur-pose, the management is so simple that one will never miss the time required to grow it and a supply always at hand is a luxury and convenience that is too easily gotten to go without. The "odds and ends" above mentioned will furnish some employment for the

The "odds and ends" above mentioned will furnish some employment for the present month, and as many others will occur to each of us in our varied sur-roundings it will not by any means be an idle month. If however, these are gotten out of the way this fall, there will be the consolation of being so runch farther ahead with the work for the spring.

Some Correspondence,

Several letters have just reached us that doubtless have been long delayed, and while not just in season at present they will do for future reference. It is a while not just in season at present they will do for future reference. It is a pleasure to hear from our readers for thus we know that others too are interested in the same matters that we are. The delays in reaching us are matters of regret; but they seem to be unavoidable so we make the best of it, and still ask that our friends will help us by writing upon whatever garden questions interest them. Brief letters as to variety, methods of culture—what you do and how you do it, difficulties with which you meet and how you meet them, successes and failures, in fact anything along the lines of garden work will be helpful. Let us know what they are and they will prove help-ful to others and rest assured that all communications will receive fair treat-ment. ment

ment. Address all questions or suggestions about the garden to John Elliot Morse, Northville, Michigan. See Burket, Seward, Neb. Can you inform me where I can secure a book on celery culture? How to grow it, planting, seeding, blanching and storing for winter use. "Celery for Profit" by Greiner will doubtless cover the main features of the subject. It will be sent you postpaid on receipt of marked price (20 cents) by addressing Vick Publishing Co., Roches-ter, N. Y. ter, N. V. F

V. H. McGaffin, Lynn, Mass. Where can I get the very earliest sweet corn seed such as you describe in Vicks

corn seed such as you describe in Vicks for September? The Peep o' Day is doubtless as early as any known variety and can be had of the introducers; Northrup, King & Co., Minneapolis Minn. Daniel Keefe, Glens Falls, N. Y. Will you kindly answer the following questions through Vick's Magazine. "Last year my peas grew quite high and there were the usual number of pods; but about half of them were empty. Can you tell the cause?"

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The proper depth to plant peas depends entirely upon the season of planting. The hardy sorts of first early peas can be safely planted as soon as the frost is out sufficiently to work the ground. Then they should be planted very shallow; not to exceed an inch in depth. As the sea-son advances and the ground becomes warm, the depth may be increased; so that the later sowings may be covered three or four inches, and this is best as the deeper they are planted the better they will withstand the drought. The distance apart for planting depends upon varieties and method of culture: whether by hand or horse cultivating.

they will withstand the drought. The distance apart for planticit the petter whether by hand or horse cultivating. If cultivated by hand, the dwarf varieties as Little Gem, etc., will do well twelve to fourteen inches apart. Half dwarfs as Horsford's Market, McLean's Advancer, Shropshire Hew, etc., will do well at twenty to twenty-four inches. Tall growing varieties that require brushing as Champion of England, etc., should not be planted less than two to three feet apart. If cultivated by horse, then all varieties must of course be planted far enough apart to admit of working with cultivator. ''In a recent number a sub-scriber says, ''the best remedy for cucum-ber and squash bugs is to remove the botscriber says, "the best remedy for cucum-ber and squash bugs is to remove the bot-tom from soap boxes and place them over the hills covering with cheese cloth." May I ask when the boxes should be removed?" Leave them on just as long as possible or until the vines begin to run or get crowded in the box.—John Elliot Morse.

Must the Barrel Go?

It looks as though apple barrels would soon be a relic of the past, boxes such as hold oranges taking their place. This year has seen a shortage of barrels for the large crop and has brought the boxes into use. They suit well and are cheaper than the barrels, which are strong points in their favor. It is claimed that in comparison, the barrel is cumbersome and holds too large a quantity of the fruit for many sales, the used barrels cannot easily be thoroughly cleaned, the jamming down of barrel heads to hold contents firm injures the fruit and the cubical package of smaller size is more easily handled and packed for transporta-tion and storage. There has been a large substitution of sacks for barrels in the flour trade, chiefly because the sacks are cheaper. Exchange. It looks as though apple barrels would

Money in Poultry.

Father—Now, see here! If you marry that young pauper, how on earth are you going to live? Sweet Girl—Oh, we have figured that all out. You remember that old hen my aunt gave me? "Ves"

annt gave mer "Yes." "Well, I have been reading a poultry circular, and I find that a good hen will raise twenty chicks in a season. Well, the next season that will be twenty-one hens; and as each will raise twenty more chicks, that will be 420. The next year the number will be 8,400, the following year 168,000, and the next 3,360,000 | Just think! At only fifty cents apiece we will have \$1,680,000. Then, you dear old papa, we'll lend you some money to pay off the mortgage on this house." New York Weekly.

Enormous Egg Crop.

Enormous Egg Crop. The egg and poultry earnings of the United States for one recent year amounties sufficiently amazing as it stands, but you don't get its full significance until you study the relative financial values of other 'industrials.'' We find, for instance, that the total value of the gold, silver, wool and sheep produced in America during the year in question was \$72,2,434,315. The sugar production of the country the same year was but \$20, coo., C. That part of the wheat crop used at home, which many consider the most valuable of all our agricultural products, was worth \$220,000,000. The great America home, which many consider the most abroad, brought \$186,529,035. The value of the oat crop was \$78,964,900. Potatoes grown in the United States were valued at nearly as large a sum as were the oats. The product of tobacco plantations was estimated to be worth \$35,579,225. Cotton, the dethroned king of staples, could

Burbank's Maynard Plum.

Horticulturists everywhere are inter-ested in the work of Luther Burbank, who has succeeded in improving so many varieties of fruit. His latest success is the Maynard plum, which is described the Maynard plum, which is described as being quite large, measuring seven inches or more in circumference. It is nearly round, slightly flattened at the ends; of richest crimson purple, deepening to royal damask as full ripeness is reached —a very beautiful fruit. The flesh is firm, even when dead ripe, but melting and juicy, with a deliciousness all its own. It it is not only thus beautiful and palatable but has a charming fragrance unusual to plums. Fruit ripens about July 1 at Santa Rosa, continuing through August. August. The tree surpasses all other plum trees

The tree surpasses all other plum trees in vigor and growth. In its evolution Mr. Burbank aimed to preserve every desirable trait, carefully suppressing the thorny, slender, spranggling tree habit of plums, and he has produced a sturdy, strong, and very rapid grower, spreading just as large as needful, with big leaves and large wood. It fruits heavily every pear not coerbearing, but vielding a and large wood. It fruits heavily every year, not overbearing, but yielding a full and vigorous crop. The fruit is on the inside of the tree where there is strength to sustain it and it is protected from the direct rays of the hot summer sun. In writing to the nurserymen, Mr. Burbank says: "The eight or ten two-year old trees are making the most remarkable growth that I remember to have seen, with great, healthy, broad, dark green apricot-like leaves. The trees are perfect beauties, the very picture of vigorous health."

Phosphorus in Apple.

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vous System of the Brain. Apples are said to contain more phos-phorus than any other fruit or vegetable, and it is claimed that this makes them specially adapted to renewing the nervous matter of the brain and spinal cord. Per-haps, for the same reason rudely under-stood, the old Scandinavian traditions represent the apple as the food of the gods, who, when they felt themselves growing feeble and infirm, resorted to this fruit for renewing their powers of mind and body. As far back as the tenth century medi-cal authorities became enthusiastic in their writings over remarkable curative properties of different fruits. In more modern times this has been revived, and nearly every one has heard of the "grape

modern times this has been revived, and nearly every one has heard of the "grape cure," the apple, peach or strawberry cure. One writer is said to have recom-mended in special cases eating twenty pounds of strawberries a day. The same writer also cites cases in which maniacs have grained their reason by the scelar-



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Late Fall Notes.

See that all the chicken coops are cleaned up and put away before snow

Are you rid of all the culls? Don't allow any doubtful ones to go into winter quarters; the ones kept over will lay all the better by having plenty of room. -Equal parts of corn meal and barley meal make an excellent fattening food, better than corn meal alone, and mixing it up with skim milk improves it. Twenty-five or thirty fowls can not eat from one dish. Spread the grain broad-cast in the litter and have a long trough for the soft food, and remove it from the pen as soon as the hens are done eating. Oats are best for fowls when hulled. Clipped oats are next best and ordinary oats soaked for an hour or so in warm water are a good substitute for either. Oats are good food for laying hens and may be fed to advantage two or three times a week.

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Questions and Answers.

Questions and Answers. What plan do you have for giving the fowls exercise when shut in the house? Answers.—Feed my hens cabbage hung up with a string about two feet above the floor, corn on the ear and grain scat-tered in the litter.—A. L. R. In a scratching pen ten feet square covered with straw or leaves I have a board partition two feet high dividing the floor space in two parts. J scatter the grain thoroughly over the litter then with a fork I shake the litter over, sifting the grain all through it then let the hens work it out. The fowls on one side of the partition are curious to know what is going on with those on the other side and are continually jumping back and forth and scratching the straw and leaves over.—E. S. F.—Ohio. We use the Automatic Feeders which keep them busy the entire day, and the

We use the Automatic Feeders which keep them busy the entire day, and the slow process of feeding obtained by their use produces thorough digestion and com-plete assimilation of food.—J. G. W., N. Y.

N. Y. We feed our hens oats and wheat in the sheaf and scatter grain in the straw for them to scratch out.—G. E. S., Mich. I aim to have all the room possible on the poultry house floor by having a roost-ing platform, and poles placed about ten inches above this platform. The platform is only three feet wide. I have tried all systems for giving exercise, and prefer that of placing straw all over the floor of the house, this requires a large amount of straw, and unless the floor is cemented or boarded the straw becomes damp and requires changing every three or four days. The best and most practical thing to use is the Whitten Automatic Feeder and Exerciser, which I use by placing in a box four feet square and two feet high, set the box about middle of the pen and place six inches of chaff or fine straw in bottom of box, fill the 'hopper' with cracked corn, oats, wheat or any grain you may be feeding and you have an exerciser that can't be beat. Fill this hopper at night when closing the poultry house and it is all ready for the morning feed. It takes quite a while for poultry to get the feed because they have to scratch for every grain that rattles down into the straw. Exercise makes health, eggs, vitality, well fertilized eggs, etc.— E. S. F., Suffolk Co., N. Y. Exercise is one of the important things in poultry keeping, especially where hens are kept for laying, and it is of no We feed our hens oats and wheat in

Exercise is one of the important things in poultry keeping, especially where hens are kept for laying, and it is of no less importance with breeding stock and chickens. Fowls that stand around in idleness will not lay well fertilized eggs, nor those that will produce good strong chicks, and the chicks that are shut up and have nothing to do are likely to acquire bad habits, and become puny and unprofitable. The question is how to give the most exercise with the least amount of labor to the care-taker. This is important especially with the one who has several hundred head of fowls or

chickens to look after. To get the hens to work, scattering the grain through the litter is a very satisfactory way as far as it goes, but this plan with a large number of hens requires quite a little time and labor. About seven years ago I adopted the use of the Whitten feeder and exerciser. Feeding corn on the ear, heads of cabbage, hung up by a cord, and beets, turnips, etc., cut in halves and stuck on a nail on the wall, all help to produce good exercise.—V. M. C.

Do you think there is any advantage in using nest eggs? Answers.—I have never used nest eggs and don't think them necessary.—A. L.

Answers.—I have never used nest eggs and don't think them necessary.—A. L. H. My hens are always shut in and are not likely to hide their nests, hence no use for nest eggs.—E. S. F. We most always keep china eggs in the nests but don't know as they are neces-sary. Hens won't lay any more eggs by using them.—G. E. S. No, not when the fowls are shut up in the house.—J. G. W. It is important to use a china nest egg, makes a hen more contented and willing to lay in the same nest, prevents egg eat-ing.—E. S. F., N. Y. Ordinarily I think nest eggs are of little use, but if a hen makes a nest in the barn or elsewhere in a suitable place and lays a few eggs and they are all taken from the nest at once she may lay some where else afterwards. In this case if a nest egg is used she will be likely to continue laying in the same nest.— V. M. C. M.C

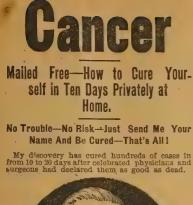
to continue taying in the same hest.— V. M. C. What style and size house would you build for iwelve to fifteen fowls and what would you estimate the cost to be? Answers.—I would build ten feet square and shed roof eight feet high in front and five feet in rear. The costhere for material and labor would be about fif-teen dollars.—A. J. F., Ia. I have what I think is a very econom-ical poultry houser. It is twelve feet long and ten feet wide, roof slants to the north, nine feet high in front and sik feet in the rear. A board floor is laid two feet from the ground and under-neath this floor is a scratching pen the size of the house, and two feet high, open to the south. This makes the room above board floor seven feet high in front and four feet in the rear. There is a board for the lens to walk down on', door in end of building and two one sash windows on south side 8 x To lights, perches in the east end of house, asphalt roof. The house stands in a dry gravely place and over the opening to the scratch-ing pen I have wire netting nailed on. This winter I shall try a cloth covering over the opening to keep out snow, I have kept twenty-eight hens in this house but think twenty would do better. The house is double boarded and cost about twenty-three dollars.—E. S. F., O, If I was to build a house for twelve to fitteen fowls the larger I could afford the better. I would have a single pitch roof house, facing south, eight feet wide and ten feet long, to be four and one-half or five feet high in rear and nine feet in front. Cost is determined by quality of oomber used and locality in which it is blught, say twenty or twenty-five dollars. —E. S. H., N. Y.

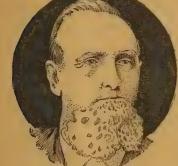
non. Cost is netermined by quality of oumber used and locality in which it is lblught, say twenty or twenty-five dollars. -E. S. F., N. Y. For fitteen hens we have a house built eight feet wide and ten ieet long, double slant shingled root, seven feet high to the eaves, and a scratching shed 4 x 8 feet built on the east end, open to the south. Board floor, but if I were to build another would use cement. One double sash window, and a door in the east end opening out of the scratching pen into the house. Perches in west end two and one-half feet from the floor. Poles are laid across at the eaves making a scaf-old which is filled with straw nearly to the peak of the building. Do not re-member the cost but think about thirty dollars.-E. R. H., Ohio.











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WM. RIPPEY, 119 E. 2nd St. Cincinnati, Ohio. For a small flock of poultry I would build a house ten feet square, eight feet high in front and five feet in the rear. For such a building nine pieces of 2x4inch scantling, ten feet long, three pieces $2 \ge 4$ inches, sixteen feet, three pieces $2 \ge 4$ inches, twenty-two feet long and one piece $2 \ge 4$ inches, fourteen feet long would be required for the frame work. I would then cover the north and west side with a good tough building paper, then board the walls up with six-inch planed matched stuff. The lumber should be clear with no knots sixteen and ten foot boards will work in without much waste. After putting on an even closely laid board roof, cover with a good asphalt roofing. Place the door where most convenient, one window on south side of two six-light sash, Io ≥ 12 glass, placed up and down, so as to throw the sunlight well back in the room. I would For a small flock of poultry I would side of two six-light sash, 10 x 12 glass, placed up and down, so as to throw the sunlight well back in the room. I would then make two frames each one-fourth the size of the window, to fit closely in at the top and bottom of the window frame, and cover these small frames with heavy white muslin, then raise the lower sash one-fourth way up, and lower the top sash one-fourth way down and put in the frames, and you have a window one-half double glass and one-half cloth, which can be changed to suit your re-quirments. This insures a well lighted, dry, warm house. For the floor I would use about one part cement to three to five parts cdarse sand on a solid bed of fine stone or gravel. Place the roosts in the north-east corner, two and one-half feet from the floor with dropping board eight inches below the perches and give from six to ten inches space on the roosts for each hen. The house should be built in a dry place and on a good tight founda tion, and would cost here in central New York, about thirty dollars.—V. M. C. The following questions for answers

The following questions for answers have been sent in to this department. What do you use for a curtain in front

of the scratching shed and to protect the hens while on the roosts?

In the schelening shell and to potect the hens while on the roosts? In early hatching how many eggs do you set under a hen? What success have you had with early hatches, say in February? What results have you had with eggs shipped from a distance, and what do you consider a fair hatch from thirteen eggs? Remember that to make this poul-try department most instructive and interesting our readers must take a live interest in giving their experiences on the questions asked, and in asking ques-tions to be answered. No matter what the question is if you want the opinions of practical poultrymen on the subject send it in to this department. Address fall notes, queries, etc., direct to the ed-ior of this department, at Moravia, N. Y.

Correspondence.

Please answer in your next issue the following questions. What is the cause of hens laying eggs about the yard? How much beef scrap should I use in two quarts of mash and how much clover meal, to this amount of feed?—Mrs. M. L. G. There are several causes for hens laying outside of the nests. One com-mon cause is their being overfat and out of condition. Another reason is the nests being alive with small mites. I would examine both the hens and nests. If the hens are found to be very fat cut down the amount of feed and give less fattening food. If you find mites clear them out. To start with ten per cent beef srcraps in the mash are enough, and never over fifteen per cent. One handful of clover a meal will be sufficient for two quarts of mash. Would you please inform me if the

Would you please inform me if the walls and floor of a poultry house made of cement would be as dry as if made of boards?—A. L. Ves, A good cement floor tends to keep out dampness. For the walls above two feet from the floor I pre-fer boards, though I do not know as ce-ment walls would make the house damp.

ment walls would make the house damp. Would you advise feeding table scraps, such as wheat and graham bread, cake, etc., in large quantities to hens?—R. W. A. No, not without balancing up the ration with other food. Much of this kind of food is too fattening. Give plenty of green food, cabbage, cut clover or clover meal and cut meat and bone, grit, etc., and feed only such table scraps as are sweet and good.

Getting the Hens in the **Right Condition.**

How are you going to feed your hens for laying this winter? If all condit-ions are about the same and your results

ions are about the same and your results last winter were satisfactory, it is per-haps best to continue on the same scale. After once I have obtaied a good supply of fall and winter eggs on a certain ra-tion, I åm not inclined to change. Yet I have fed and caref for a flock of hens through the winter and had them lay well and the next winter with stock and all conditions apparently the same, and fed exactly as before, still hardly an egg would be laid until along towards spring. The condition in which the hens are in when the laying season approaches. I would be laid until along towards spring. The condition in which the hens are in when the laying season approaches, I believe, has more to do with this differ-ence in egg production from one season to another than anything else. If it is not this what can it be? Same strain of fowls, surroundings alike right along, and fed the same, yet no eggs. But if the hens were neglected during and after the moult, it is not likely that they will go into winter quarters in a laying con-dition, and I have seen all the manage-ment carried on in the same way and yet the results would differ. I have heard so-called scientific poultrymen try to ex-plain why this result was so, but it was plainly evident to me that they really knew no more about it than I or any other common poultryman. The one who takes care of the flock, if he is an observing man and a practical poultry keeper, ought and probably does, know more about the case than any one else. In instances of this kind, it appears to me that the conditions are pretty much the whole thing, and the question is how are we to get them in just the same condition this fall that they were in last fall when they laid so well. The same kind of food is not suitable for all breeds; the Asiatic and American breeds will do better on more oats and wheat and less corn, than the Mediter-ranean classes. I think the heavy breeds require a more general supply of vege-tables and lean meat and plenty of exer-cise. Activity is one of the main things

In getting them in the right condition. I always go very light on the second or noon meal, when in pens and I have an Automatic grain feeding machine I seldom feed anything at noon. If they are fed a square meal at midday it allows only four or five hours between meals and in this way they are likely to have little appetite to induce them to scratch. It is the nature of a hen to scratch and work around more or less for her food, and if you find that your hens are not doing this at all, you can make up your mind that you are feeding too much, and that they will soon be out of condition so as to give no hope of getting eggs for some time to come. A hen may appar-ently eat too much, but if she lays and works all is right. As a rule I have found that hens of any variety will not thrive, keep well and lay well if they have all the food they require without some effort on their part to sceure it. Grit for poultry is another great thing and I know it will save feed, yet I find there are a great many who keep fowls that never think of providing grit or shells for their hens. Finely cut clover hay is important and it should be cooked or steamed and led in the morning or evening mash. I find that tonse who begin with a few evening mash. I find that those who begin with a few

I find that those who begin with a few hens and gradually increase are the most successful, they are able to get the ex-perience at a little cost, and if there is any business, above others that requires personal attention and experience to attain success it is that of poultry keeping. Start with the breed that suits you best, you will give them better care than the flock that you do not fancy. Almost all breeds are good. It is the difference in care that makes them seem so far apart in value. --V. M. COUCH.

Couldn't Be Possible.

"Your symptoms," pronounced the physician, "indicate hydrocephalus." "What's that?" "Water on the brain." "It can't be that, doctor," said Mr. Jagway, greatly relieved. "I haven't drunk a drop of it for six months."

POPULAR MUSIC



Almost Given Away

 W^{E} were very fortunate this fall in purchasing a large supply of Popular Music, to be able to buy it at such a low price, that we can almost give it away to our subscribers. Do not confuse this music with old "out of date" stuff that is advertised for 10 cents a copy. A glance at the list below will convince anyone of its standard quality, and we consider it the greatest music bargain ever offered to our readers. Most of the selections have colored Lithographed Title Pages and all of it is full size and printed on calendered paper. Just the thing for either Organ or Piano.

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THE HOUSEHOLD

O for a ''land of pure delight,'' A real housekeeper's heaven! A place where fires are always bright And dough responds to leaven; Where house-flies never speck the blinds, The window glass, nor sashes; Where worn-out chimneys never smoke, And burnt coal makes no ashes; Where tinware always meets the eye With one perpetual glitter. Where children never scatter toys And sewing makes no litter; A land where meat is never tough, Polatoes never soggy; Where lamps just fill and trim themselves, And chimneys ne'er get foggy; Where stocking heels and stocking toes Where stocking heers and stocking toes Outlast the other portions; Where men and boys all clean their shoes, And outside dust the door shuns; A place where napkins keep in shape. And silverware don't tarnish; Where nothing hard, sharp, round or

square Was known to scratch the varnish!

Lou Lawrence in National Magazine.

To Clean a Floor.

JOSEPHINE WORTHINGTON. JOSEPHINE WORTHINGTON. First take some soap jelly or soft soop and mix with it clean beach sand or good building sand. Spread this on the grease spots. We all know that grease is re-moved from cloth with soap and cold water. Do the same with the floor. With an old stiff broom and cold water scrub the spots. Then you are ready to mop If you wish to save your hands have two pails of water, one containing very hot water and washing soda, the other_clear vater and washing soda, the other-clear

warm water. warm water. Dip the mop in the first pail and after washing a portion of the floor, rinse out the mop in the second pail and wring. The rinsing water will need to be changed several times. By this means you will have a clean floor and the hands will not suffer.

Books for Children.

Books for Children. Voung children.—"Mother Stories," Maud Lindsay; "In the Child's World.". and "Through the FarmyardGate," Emilie Poulsson; "Folklore Stories and Pro-verbs," S. Wiltse; "Madventures of a Brownie," Miss Mulock. Children, seven to ten.—"Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans," Edward Eggleston; "Donald and Doro-thy," M. M. Dodge; "Polly Qliver's Problem," K. D. Wiggins; "Colonial Children, the Richards. Children, ten to thirteen.—"Rebecca

rots," Laura Richards. Children, ten to thirteen.—"Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm," K. D. Wiggins; "Heidi," Johanna Spyri; "Hans Brin-ker," M. M. Dodge; "Filty Famous Stories Retold," James Baldwin; "In the Morning Glow," R. Gilson.

Spiced Quinces.

Spiced Quinces. 7 pounds of fruit; 4 pounds of sugar; 1 pint of vinegar; ½ ounce ginger root; 1 teaspoon ground cloves; 2 teaspoons allspice; 2 teaspoons cinnamon; ½ tea-spoon ground mace. Pare the quinces, cut in small pieces, cover with boiling water and cook slowly on the back of the stove until tender. Mix the spices and tie in several small muslin bags. Put the vinegar and sugar in a granite ketle. When hot add the quinces by lifting carefully with a strainer. Bring all to the boiling point but not beyond it. Seal in fruit cans.

What the Housekeeper Wants. | fresh mint when this is out of the market or is sold at out-of-season prices. Harper's Bazar.

Pumpkin Pie.

Pumpkin for pies wash and dry the pumpkin, then cut in slices around the pumpkin. Remove the rind and cut in small pieces. Place the pieces in a kettle with one cupful of water and let it stew slowly, taking care that the pumpkin does not burn. When the pumpkin is thoroughly cooked the water should have pretty thoroughly boiled away. Do not pour out any of the liquid, as this contains the richness and favor of the pumpkin. Train one quart of this stewed pump-spoonful of ginger, one tablespoonful of cinnamon, a piece of butter the size of an e-haft cupfuls of sugar. When the ingredients are well beaten together add one-haft cupfuls of sugar. When the ingredients are well beaten together add one haft cupfuls of sugar. When the ingredients are well beaten together add one haft cupfuls of sugar. When the ingredients are well beaten together add one haft cupfuls of sugar. When the ingredients are well beaten together add one haft cupfuls of sugar. When the ingredients are well beaten together add one haft. Place the pane containing this mixture over a kettle of hot water to keep warm while the plates are being lined with paste. Then fill and bake without an upper crust in a moderate oven. oven.

Adhesive Plaster.

Glass bottles and tin cans which often utterly refuse to hold any label that is introduced to them through the medium of paste or mucilage become suddenly docile when tagged with a bit of adhe-sive. Try it, you housewives who have never been able to mark the tin pails and boxes in your kitchen pantry, and you will no longer be obliged to taste in ordet to distinguish the soda from the powdered sugar.

to distinguish the soda from the powdered sugar. As a bandage-fastener adhesive is with-out a peer.' This is indeed its orthodox use, and belongs to the province of the surgeon. But it is sometimes necessary for the uninitiated to dress a burn or a boil where it is very painful to apply sufficient pressure over the bandage to hold in it place. Paste down the edges or ends with strips of the rubber plaster, and hear what the sufferer will.say. When the doctor leaves medicine in a glass, and you know the importance of

When the doctor leaves medicine in a glass, and you know the importance of keeping it closely covered cut a circle of cardboard a trifle larger than the top of the glass and fasten it on with hinges of adhesive. If your rubber overshoes develop a sudden hole, patch them with adhesive. It will also mend your unbrella, your cloth skirt and the crown of your felt hat, not to mention the dilapidated back of your pet recipe book or the cracked side of your favorite jardiniere. If the thermometer hanging outside of your window dances a noisy jig to the tune of every high wind, bind it down with a strip of adhesive, which is proof against any weather.

a strip of adhesive, which is proof against any weather. This is only the beginning of the uses to which this article may be put. You will not have owned a spool of it for a week before you have discovered a dozen or more and you will wonder how you ever lived so long without the constant companionship of this friend that sticketh closer than a brother, but which is always ready to relax its gentle grip when urged to do so with a little benzine.

An Old Corner What-not.

An ingenious woman recently discovered a new use for her grandmother's old corner what-not that had stood in a corner of the attic for many moons, and possessors of similar obsolete pieces of furniture may be interested to know how she transformed it into a pretty china cabinet. She first gave it a bath and a garden in a box on a window-sill-need not be dependent upon the put-up herbs for seasoning. The herbs she raises at much more pungent if she will dry them, and when thoroughly dry crumble them more pand k them in air-tight receptace. Fresh mint may be put away to dry when it is plentiful, and if kept in a closed glass jar will serve as well as the An ingenious woman recently discov-

This china stand occupies a corner of the dining room in the owner's country house and its absence of color serves ad-mirably to set off the delicate ware dis-played on it.

played on it. A white china cabinet does not appeal to all tastes nor harmonize with all din-ing room furnishings, but it would be just as easy to transform a what-not into a golden or quartered oak cabinet as into a white one.

"For your health, keep out in the open air as much as possible; "For your religion, keep faith in your

neighbor And for your mental advancement,

keep the practice of engaging in conver-sation each day some one whom you know to be your superior." Edward Everett Hale.

Probably no famous bird has a smaller habitat than the bird of paradise, whose beautiful feathers are so highly prized in the millinery trade. No one knows why the varieties of this beautiful bird are confined to the island of New Guinea and the neighboring coasts of Australia. There are many other islands not far away where the conditions would seem to be equally favorable to their existence, but they are not found among them. and if equally lavorable to their existence, but they are not found among them, and if we should ever see a hunter of the bird of paradise we would know that he was a native of New Guinea or the neighbor-ing mainland of Australia, or had visited those regions.

Wisdom of the Cat.

Wisdom of the Cat. We may like cats or we may not like cats, but we must all confess that the cat is our superior. He uses us, in his eyes we exist for his delectation, we provide warmth and milk, we are a hearth rug to be jumped on and sat on, a curry comb to titillate him. In this aspect the cat is vastly superior to the dog, which is faithful to those who maltreat him, while a cat's fidelity takes the form of gracious adherence to those who serve him. He has proof of his philosophy. We knew an old lady, lodging in the suburbs, who spread bread on the lawn every morning for the sparrows. Every morning as the sparrows ate, the kind old lady's cat, ready behind the box brush took his toll. How could he doubt that his mistress, his servant, was at the normal task of doing him a service? <u>Saturday Review</u>.

Saturday Review.

The Loaf of Opportunity.

The Loaf of Opportunity. Oliver Cromwell is said to have ob-served very sapiently, "It is a good thing to strike when the iron is hot, but it is a better thing to make the iron hot by strik-ing." The successful man is he who to a great extent creates his own occasions, and, instead of waiting for things to turn up, turns things up while he waits. The wise laborer works with, a small oppor-tunity until the Lord gives him a great one. And the Lord is apt to give the larger chances to the man who has proved himself, willing to make the best use of little things. To him who gathers up the fragments, the whole loaf of opportunity is finally given. Word and Work.

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Home Shaving.

"And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause it to pass upon thine head, and upon thy beard: then take the balance to weigh and divide the hair."

Ezekiel V. I.

The above quotation from the Old Tes-tament shows the great antiquity of the razor or face knife. It is mentioned in several other places in the Bible; also in Shakespeare and Josephus, as well as in the writings of other early authors. Razors require much care if satisfactory results are desired. When not in use they should be kept closely covered, in a case if possible, and should never be subjected to extreme changes of temper-ature. The above quotation from the Old Tes-

Until within a very recent period Eng-land has been considered a producer of the best razor steel and English razors the best, but American-made razors are now fast supplanting the imported article, and are considered by some of the best judges to be equally as good in all

Never cut a dry hair with a razor. Try the blade on your lathered face if you want to test its sharpness.

The History of Shaving.

The origin of the custom of shaving face is lost in antiquity. The Mon-

The origin of the custom of shaving the face is lost in antiquity. The Mon-golian races were the first to have public places for shaving, and the Greeks and Romans had them in connection with their luxurious bathing places. In the 14th century the barbers' craft was recognized as a profession, being allied to surgery. It was Edward IV. who in 1461 first issued official incorpora-tion to barbers, thus giving them profes-sional caste. They were confined, as to surgery, to the letting of blood and leeching and the extracting of teeth, but surgeons were prohibited from shaving the face. The barbers' sign was a striped pole as

the face. The barbers' sign was a striped pole as far back as 1650, the stripes around the pole being symbols of the bandages used in wrapping the arm or part from which the blood was to be let. The Chinese were the first to shave the face and head with sharp steel blades. From time immemorial they have known the art of making finely tempered metals susceptible of being highly sharpened.

Home Shaving from a Sanitary Standpoint.

VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE

There is no antiseptic as efficient as Inere is no antiseptic as efficient as pure soap when used regularly and often. Proof of this is shown in the very small amount of facial disease arising from the patronage of barber shops in which, as a rule, at the present day, sanitary condi-tions prevail and implements as well as other appurtenances are antiseptically treated. Thanks to agitation on the sub-iect and wice lows preced in many attise treated. Thanks to agitation on the sub-ject and wise laws passed in many cities and towns, barbers are required to main-tain antiseptic shops, and it is very much to their credit that they, as a rule, appre-ciate the importance of this and the pro-tection it affords their customers as well as themealyze. as themselves.

In the use of soaps one should be careful to avoid highly-scented, cheap pro-ductions, and one of the best soaps to use, for the face especially, is a pure white soap now obtainable under several well-known brands. A pure white Cas-tile soap is especially desirable for bath use.

Care of the Face.

If one desires to have a smooth, un-broken face, care should be exercised in the barber shop as well as at home to observe certain rules conducive to best results.

Do not shave nor allow yourself to be

Do not shave nor allow yourself to be shaved too chose or against the grain. Demand that your barber shall thor-oughly rinse out the cup and brush in hot water before applying the lather; that he use clean, fresh towels that have not been used our others, 'and that your four he therempthy alcomed of lather after face be thoroughly cleaned of lather after

face be thoroughly cleaned of lather after shaving. Avoid the use of stringent face washes, plain hamamelis, if anything other than water, being the best. Do not allow a sponge to be used nor a powder puff for in these two articles, more than anything else at the present time, disease germs exist, and it is fortu-nate that they are now very little used. After using the razor, dip it in hot water and strop it. Observe the same rules at home that you require of your barber and you will be well satisfied.

How to Strop a Razor.

Always have the surface of your razor strop perfectly free from dust. A razor strop hangs in its place and collects dust

Base from the second se

Always draw your razor over the strop Always draw your razor over the strop from heel to point so that the blade is horizontal with it, never bearing hard at the edge to get through quickly. Take plenty of time to strop a razor. A razor will take an edge more quickly if dipped in warm water, expansion mak-ing the fine steel edge more pliable. Always strop your razor before putting it away after shaving.

To Avoid Skin Irritations.

This refers only to such irritations

This refers only to such irritations as come from shaving, or rather lack of care with your razor or shaving material. By always shaving with the grain of the face they are entirely avoided. 'Pimples on the neck, should they appear, will disappear upon using a first-class talcum powder at night. Cold cream will prevent irritation if used freely immediately after shaving, rubbing into the skin until nearly dry. Eruptions or inflammations of the trazor in hot water before using, most trouble of this kind being caused by poison germs of one kind or another on the razor edge.

Always have a clean face before shav-ing. This precaution is a great preven-tive of shaving eruptions. Wash the face clean with a pure soap after shaving and use a first-class face

powder.

From a pamphlet advertising "Keen Edge' razor strops.

Smiles. Tit For Tat.

"If you were a magistrate, how would speed limit?" "I would exceed the fine limit."

His Judgment.

"Well-er-h'm-prisoner at the bar," began old 'Squire Peavy, a somewhat moss-grown but eminently astute Arkanmoss-grown but eminently astute Arkan-sas Justice of the Peace, "this court finds you guilty of kissin' this woman, as charged, and sentences you to jail for thirty days for the offense; but, as a sort of consolation, it commends to your notice, to think on while you are lan-guishin' in durance vile, as they call it in stories, the fact that many a man has paid the penalty of a lifetime of bondage for the same sort of foolishness, and you may consider yourself pretty dod-durned lucky to get off this easy."

Her Broad Brow.

"Poor, dear Llewellyn-" The caress-"Poor, dear Llewellyn—" The caress-ingly-lingering way in which she pro-nounced the name made you, somehow, think of the taste of a nice, large caramel. "-is such a bad writer! I really do not know whether this note from him is an invitation to accompany him some-where or a proposal of marriage." The pucker of perplexity, presently dis-appeared from between her brows. "But, to be on the safe side, I'll just accept with pleasure, and await results:"

It Was Probably True.

"Yes," said the city editor, with a note of regret in his voice, "I was sorry to discharge Spacer. He was the best fire reporter we had. The trouble came last week. He wrote an obituary of Van Sandt Sapleigh and ended up by saying, "The loss was fully covered by insur-ance"." ance.

Should Have Known Better.

"What started the trouble between the

Browns?" "Brown asked his wife a question while she was trying to put her hair up a new way."

"Birdie, I Am Tired Now."

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Small Fruits. Care of the Grape Vines.

In the September issue we said some-things about pruning, and if we repeat anything then said it is only to more strongly impress the advisability of get-ting some of the work among the vines done up this fall. Doubtless some of the older posts need to be replaced with new some of the ones, wires may be loosened or broken, and these should be tightened or mended.

ones, wires may be loosened or broken, and these should be tightened or mended, or it may be, new wires will be required. Whatever the necessity may be it is bet-ter and safer to do it now than to delay these matters until spring. If manure is to be spread an ang the vines there is no time like the present for that work. Now come⁸ another thought, viz., all the above work can be done so much better and easier if the vines are first pruned. Any time after the leaves have fallen will answer and the sooner it is done the better. Plowing and cultivat-ing the vine will also be useful in putting the ground in good shape and will also destroy many worms and insects. If the rows have become too grassy for profit-able hoeing, mulch out the foul weeds and grass with manure or wood and coal ashes. The two former will not only save much work with the hoe but will also be of much value to the next year's save much work with the hoe but will also be of much value to the next year's crop. The latter are said to contain very little fertility and this may be so; but certain it is that in some way they assist in un'ocking the elements of fertility already in the soil and so far as experi-ence and observation go they are a valu-able dressing for all kinds of fruit trees and berry bushes. So it will be good practice to prune

and berry bushes. So it will be good practice to prune the grape vines first and then the way will be clear for applying the fertilizer of whatever kind it is. It is also a good time to remove the old canes from the bush fruits. True many leave this work until the early spring; but the most substantial reason I have ever heard for thus doing, is that the work did not get done in the fall and, so there was no alternative but to do it in the spring or let it go without doing at all.

Some Experiences.

Some Experiences. This year we had quite a lengthy sea-son with the small fruit gathering and there was very little leisure or lull in the picking of the various fruits from about June IO, to October 5. The strawberries were the first to put in their appearance and before they were over the red raspberries were claiming attention and marketing these began June 28. They lasted continuously until August first. During this time the black-28. They lasted continuously until August first. During this time the black-traspherries came and went, and the black-berry season was well under way before the red raspberries were gone. Peaches and pears were nearly in order and kept us busy until the grapes were ready to cut and then it was busy times for a certainty until Oct. 5, or a little later. Our grape crop suffered severly from black rot, yet we were more fortunate than many who lost their entire crop. We sprayed, but the excessively wet weather with so many cloudy days fairly wreaking with humidity were too much for us and our loss was heavy. We are prone to charge up too much to the weather, however for sad to say part of the fault was ours. We did not begin spraying early enough. We ought to have sprayed with copper sulphate solution before the buds started. This should have been followed by Bordeaux mixture as soon as the fruit was set. With these precautions, we think we would have suffered but little if any with the rot. Next year we hope to begin on time and do the work thor-oughly; then if trouble comes, it' at least will not be our fault.

Some Plum Questions.

MR. MORSE:-"Being a subscriber to Vick's I come to you for advice. We have two plum trees (Vellow Egg Vari-ety). Two years ago they blossomed for the first time; one of the trees matured one plum, and the other none at all.

Last year both blossomed again each one ripening two plums. The fruit that set in the spring turned yellow, and within a few weeks att forped off. We also have a small plum tree (dark blue); the

a few weeks att dropped off. We also have a small plum tree (dark blue); the fruit on this gets as large as a cherry then rots and drops off. Can you advise me what to do?''--Mrs. J. Hennenlatter, Brooklyn, N. Y. Try the following: apply a liberal dressing of fresh wood ashes, (a bushel or more) to eack tree. Do so this fall if possible, then in the spring just before the buds begin to swell spray them thor-oughly with sulphate of copper one pound to ten gallons of water. The copper sulphate is often called blue vitriol or blue stone. Place it in a thin cloth sack and suspend it in the water until dissolved; and it is ready for use. It will not require more than a gallon for all three trees; but following the proportions given above you need not make more than is peeded. Prepare it in a wooden or earthen vessel, not metal as it will corrode. Spray thor-oughly with this; and just as soon as the blossoms fall spray again with Bordeaux mixture, adding half a teaspoonful of Paris green to a gallon of the mixture. This is somewhat troublesome to make; but you can obtain it of most any of the Inis is somewhat troublesome to make; but you can obtain it of most any of the seedsmen, which will be preferable to preparing it yourself. If necessary, these sprayings with the Bordeaux can be repeated every ten days or two weeks up to within three or four weeks of ripening. John Elliott Morse.

Horticulture as a Business for Young Men

Every normally developed young man desires a business that shall be respecta-ble, pleasant and remunerative. For young men with brains and energy there are few better fields than horticulture.

At this time of the year we hear much about the mammoth apple trees and pheabout the mammoth apple trees and phe-nomenal yields of from forty to seventy-five bushels per tree. This is always encouraging as it shows that climate and soil are adapted to the growing of this fruit. But according to government statistics in Missouri and surrounding states the apple trees, of bearing age-average as follows: Illinois, .68 bushel per tree; Iowa, .45; Arkansas, .37; and Missouri, with the largest number of trees per farm, only .35.

per tree; lowa, .45; Arkansas, .37; and Missouri, with the largest number of trees per farm, only .35. There is no other branch of agriculture that requires a higher degree of scientific training than horticulture. The success-ful fruit grower must know the soil and the principles of fertilization; he must understand the principles of drainage and cultivation; he must be more than a book botanist; he must know vegetable ana-tomy and pathology; he must be able to graft, bud, prune and dress wounds of trees. He must have a knowledge of insects, to be able to successfully and economically combat their ravages, and there are still problems of vast economic importance awaiting his solution. He must be a business man, There is always a good demand for furit, and it is constantly increasing. To successfully market a large crop to the best advantage is no small business undertaking and the successful horticulturist must be equal to the task.' His work is of a somewhat

successful horticulturist must be equal to the task. His work is of a somewhat higher class than is that of the general farmer, but it is less strenuous, and his profits larger, for there is no other farm crop that will compare in dollars per acre with a fruit crop. True, fruit gathering time means long, hard hours of work, but after it is over there is time for self improvement and even recreation and leisure. leisure.

leisure. Again, horticulture includes landscape gardening, the most graceful and beauti-ful of all arts. The young man who chooses it for his profession has the greatest opportunity for beautifying his. home, a work that will yield more in character building and true happiness than any other work he may do. Is it any wonder, that with the unkept sur-roundings of, many farmers' homes, the children are not enthusiastic over farm life, and leave it at the first opportunity

for the light attractions of the city? A. a moral stimulus there is no comparison between the free, out-door farm life and the dusty city. If by beautifying the farm and its surroundings one can instill into the boys and girls a love for the country he will have left them a rich inheritance.

Coleman's Rural World.

Hale on Peach Raising.

Hale on Peach Kaising. Hale said that peaches are now being grown with some success in nearly every State in the Union. There is no longer what was called the peach belt. By choosing the right elevation and soil the peach region can be greatly extended. In commercial peach growing what is most necessary to attain success is a taste and love for the work of fruit growing. Having a natural taste for the business, the first consideration should be the loca-tion of the orchard. The climate must not be so cold as to kill all the peach buds, and there should be considerable elevation and good soil drainage. Pre-pare the ground for planting by plowing and harrowing thoroughly, and then lay out the ground so that the trees will be planted in perfectly straight lines both ways, so the cultivation will be easier. Plant strong, vigorous trees that have been wintered in the nursery rows, and plant in the spring. Root, prune and top prune trees before planting, so they are well balanced, that is, the top in pro-portion to the roots, and prune with a smooth cut. Dig the holes a little farger the trees, and scatter a little fertilizer around them if the soil is not very rich. *Pach Growers Journal.* Hale said that peaches are now being

Do not cut the raspberry and blackberry bushes back too far. There is danger of this, for the best fruit buds are well out on the canes. Recent experiments by some of our experiment stations and by

on the canes. Recent experiments by some of our experiment stations and by private growers have proved conclusively that it does not pay to cut back the canes of these fruits very severely, either in the summer or winter pruning. Grape vines will bear quite close prun-ing, but my experience has taught me not to cut them as close as many do. I like to leave the young canes from one to two feet long and entirely remove the weak or slender ones, that there may be only strong buds left for fruiting and that they have plenty of room to expand the following season. The number of clus-ters of grapes that will be on the vines can thus be reduced by judicious pruning and those that would be small and weakly prevented from setting. All the clusters are predetermined the year before and not one will appear on the vines.

Strawberries at Reading.

We have several of the largest straw-berry growers of the country here, says American Cultivator. We aslo have sev-eral growers of exclusive varieties, ther-fore this district is quite noted for its beautiful berries of famous names. The setting out of these berries is requiring considerable attention among our farmers, and we shall probably have increased

setting out of these berries is requiring considerable attention among our farmers, and we shall probably have increased acreage this year of them, about twice the number formerly. A great many of the gardeners are experimenting with we varieties, having had considerable success with the few vines that they had been testing the past year. Reading is a large supplyer of the best berries to the Boston market. It also has had considerable success with the growing of the highest grade strawberry, which is more selected for private use, and a berry which demands the highest price. When ordinary berries have been sell-ing in Boston as low as ten cents a box, soure of the Reading berries have been sold as high as twenty-five and thirty-five cents a box, consequently it has paid the farmers here to devote as much time as they can in developing the strawberry to a dergee of perfection which has met the highest competitor, going into the largest markets, and practically selling at theirown price. *Bace Howe, Reading, Mass.*



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The Red Cock.

I wake! I feel the day is near; I hear the red cock crowing! He cries, "'Tis dawn!" How sweet and He cries, clear His cheerful call comes to my ear,

While light is slowly growing.

The white snow gathers, flake on flake; I hear the red cock crowing! Is anybody awake To see the winter morning break, While thick and fast it's snowing?

I think the world is all asleep; I hear the red cock crowing | Out of the frosty pane I peep; The drifts are piled so wide and deep; And wild the wind is blowing!

A happy little child I lie, And hear the red cock crowing. The day is dark, I wonder why His voice rings out so brave and high, With gladness overflowing. Celia Thaxter.

Paying Pork.

Pork twelve dollars and, fourteen dollars per 100 seems a big price when ordinary pork brings only about seven dollars, but we know a young farmer living about fourteen miles from market ordinary pork brings only about seven dollars, but we know a young farmer living about fourteen miles from market whose pork nets him not less than twelve cents straight. How does he do it? Not by selling to the butcher or meat market, but by being his own butcher and seller. He has a weekly butter route, and to supply his customers keeps about forty cows. Several calves are raised, but the bulk of the skim-milk and the butter-milk goes to hogs, and he turns off every winter from forty to fifty, 150 to 200-pound hogs. He smokes his own hams and bacon, which bring fifteen to six-teen cents a pound. Sparenibs and shoulders are sold fresh at twelve to four-teen cents. The lard brings twelve cents, the salt pork twelve cents and the re-mainder is sold in sausage, souse, etc. at twe to fifteen cents. Of course this does not have to find a market, as he easily sells all on his butter route; the people know it will all be fresh and food and there is quite a difference in income between turning off yearly 6,000 pounds of pork at twelve and fourteen extra work is well paid. Two other young men we know have, built up a food trade each winter selling their ow homemade sausage which brings them twenty cents a pound, and they use all the pig, save the hams and spareniss and there are many such openings for young men, and older men too, who will puil the pig, sout the the too, who will puil the pig ood article that can be depended upon as uniform and of high quality. *Rural New Yorker.*

were obliged to buy commercial fe tiliz-ers to maintain the fertility of the turm. But we can convert \$1,000 worth of corn But we can convert \$1,000 worth of corn into beef, pork or mutton and sell it in that form and not remove over t senty-five dollars worth of fertility from the farm, or we can convert \$1,000 worth of feed into butter and not remove a single dollar's worth of fertility with it. Butter is almost wholly pure fat or car-bon, and that adds nothing to the value or productive capacity of the soll.

Cowpeas for Poultry.

Cowpeas for food for poultry were har-vested after maturity, stored in dry lofts and thrown to the fowls in scratching pens, where they were scratched over and searched for during the day. After a few days the egg supply very visibly increased, and within a few weeks almost double that from an equal number of hens kent in separate quarters

number of hens kept in separate quarters and fed on other grains.

The hens seemed to like the small branches and leaves, and would eat every particle except the hard, stiff stems. The general health of the flock wis excellent, and not a single hen showed the least symptom of ailment during the winter season. Southern Agriculturist.

Storing Cabbage for Winter.

First a dry spot of ground must be selected, if possible one that is naturally well drained, but avoid a hillside. With a large plow make a trench six to eight inches deep going and returning in the same furrow and finishing with a shovel, that is, cleaning out the small ridge in the center which has been left by the plow. On a dry day the cabbage is pulled and turned upside down and allowed to drain for an hour or so. Place the cabbage in the trench close

Place the cabbage in the trench close together with the roots up. Then plow several furrows against the cabbage on either side and finish with a shovel put-ting on about six inches of dirt. When the ground has frozen two or three inches cover with corn stells, to the depth of a cover with corn stalks to the depth of a foot. If the cabbage shows any signs of decay it is time ill-spent to bury it, also in seasons when the rainfall has been will keep but a short time and should not be buried. American Agriculturtsi.

Sheltering Animals to Save Feed.

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if they are wasted by cold, or are half famished when put up for the winter. Their quarters should, therefore, be made ready for housing them as soon as the first cold days and nights arrive. This applies to all the stock on the farm; it will do as much as the best of feed to keep them in thriving, improving con-dition. More comfort, more flesh.

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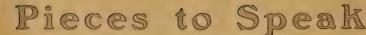
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Thanksgiving.

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In May time, long ago; Spring beauty peeping from the ground, And bloodroot white as snow. We're thank ful for the holidays,

That came with summer heat, And all the happy summer plays In grandma's garden sweet. We're thankful for the autumn's store,

When fields are bare and gray, And all the year that brings once more Our dear Thanksgiving day.

Ten Little Pumpkins,

Ten little pumpkins sitting on a vine; Through the fence a' cow's head came, then there were nine.

Nine little pumpkins growing near the

gate; Over one a wagon rolled, then there were eight.

Eight little pumpkins growing round and even; Babý thought he'd found a ball, then there were seven.

Seven little pumpkins with the tall weeds mix; Along came the gardener's hoe, then there were six.

Six little pumpkins left to grow and

thrive; On one the pony stepped, then there were five.

Five little pumpkins where ten grew before;

One withered in the sun, then there were four.

Four little pumpkins, green as green could be

Johnny made a lantern, then there were three.

Three big green pumpkins; then said little Sue, "Make me a lantern, please," then there

were two. Two yellow pumpkins ripened in the

Aunt Mary took one home, then there was but one.

One ripe pumpkin, largest of the many, Robbie found for grandma, then there wasn't any.

Ninette M. Lowater in Youth's Combanion

Chestnut Time.

What are these upon the ground, Dressed in satin jackets brown, White fur collars, slender neck, Heads with caps that tassels deck Hiding under fallen leaves, That are scattered by the breeze? These are chestnuts brown, you see, Come to visit you and me.

They've been swinging many days, Where the birds have sung their lays, Prickly houses closed so tight, They were hidden from our sight, Till the frost came to their home, And invited them to come, Spend the winter, share the Of the happy girls and boys the joys, M. A. H.

Bamboozling Grandma.

'There never was a grandma half so good,

He whispered while beside her chair he stood,

stood, And laid his rosy cheek, With manner very meek, Against her dear old face in loving

"There never was a nicer grandma born; I know some little boys must be forlorn, Because they've none like you. I wonder what I'd do Without a grandma's kisses night and morn?

"There never was a dearer grandma, there !"

there !'' He kissed her, and he smoothed her snow-white hair; Then fixed her ruffled cap, And nestled in her lap, While grandma, smiling, rocked her old armchair.

"When I'm a man what things to you I'll bring; A horse and carriage and a watch and

ring.

All grandmas are so nice (Just here he kissed her twice). And grandmas give a good boy every-thing."

Before his dear old grandma could reply This boy looked up, and, with a roguish

eye, Then whispered in her ear That nobody might hear: "Say, grandma, have you any more mince pie?"

Nebraska State Journal.

A Little Red Squirrel.

A little red squirrel lived under a fence, An old rail fence at the edge of a wood,

He took a deep interest in current events, And sat on the top rail and learned all

he could The farmer was wide-awake, likewise,

and so Ohe day in the papers he read of a barbed wire, And said to hiniself, "That old rail fence

- must go; I'll have it chopped up into sticks for the fire.
- The little red squirrel has moved to the

At being a hermit he makes great pretense He wouldn't learn current events if he

could; He's down on newspapers and barbed

wire fences. -Harper's Round Table.

True Worth.

True worth is in being, not seeming, In doing, each day that goes by, Some little good, not in dreatning Of great things to do by and by, For, whatever men say in their blindness, And spite of the fancies of youth, There is nothing so kingly as kindness, And nothing so toyal as truth.

Alice Carv.

Kitty's Sheep Arithmetic.

"Seven sheep were standing By the pasture wall. Tell me," said the teacher To her scholars small:

'One poor sheep was frightened, Jumped and ran away:

One from seven, how many Wooly sheep would stay?

Up went Kitty's fingers: A farmer's daughter she, Not so bright at figures As she ought to be.

'Please, ma'am?'' ''Well then, Kitty,

Tell us if you know." "Please, if one jumped over, All the rest would go."

I. O. Rankin.

Little Jack Frost.

Little Jack Frost went up the hill, Watching the stars and the moon so still. Watching the stars and the moon so bright

And laughing alone with all his might. Little Jack Frost ran down the hill, Late in the night when the winds were

still, Late in the fall when the leaves fell

Red and yellow and faded brown.

Little Tack Frost walked through the "Ah, sighed the flowers, "we freeze, we tre sighed the grasses, "we die, we "Ah.

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áie. Said Little Jack Frost: "Goodby, good-

by." Little Jack Frost tripped 'round and 'round, Spreading white snow on the frozen

Spreading white show on the frozen ground, Nipping the breezes, icing the streams, Chilling the warmth of the sun's bright beams.

But when Dame Nature brings back the

spring, Brings back the birds to chirp and sing, Melts the snow and warms the sky, Little Jack Frost will go pouting by. The flowers will open their eyes of blue. Green buds peep out and grasses grow; It will be so warm and scorch him so, Little Jack Frost will be glad to go.

For Common Things.

(Recitation for four children.) We thank Thee, Father, for the sunshine That helped the corn and wheat to

grow. We thank Thee for the falling raindrops, And for the pure white flakes of snow.

We thank Thee for our homes and play-

mates, We thank Thee for our daily bread, For sleep and laughter, love and labor, And joy that lights the path we tread.

We thank Thee for the sky above us, The grass that grew beneath our feet, The flowers that filled the air with perfume

The birds that sang us carols sweet.

We thank Thee for the friends who love

us, For father kind and mother dear-For all these things we thank Thee, Father, Thy common gifts that crown the year.

November.

Still November, like a Quaker In her garb of silver gray, Glides along the silent reaches Shadow-like, as dawn of day. Gay chrysanthemums she carries From the garden lands abloom, And the bracing air is laden With the grige of their parform

She is full of tender fancies, As she wanders here and there; Standing underneath the branches

That are shadowy and bare nd we feel a silent something In our heart of hearts increase, nd I think the definition

A Psalm of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving all the country round On Glory's highway set,— Not for the joy that I have found, But joy that's coming yet!

In wintry storm and blight,
 But for the Hope that asks for more, And sees that more in sight.

Thanksgiving for Love's strength and

Thanksgiving for all kindly deeds— The starlight of Life's night; And for the strong, true hand that leads "A brother to the Light.

For Faith that points to realms above

The sinning and forgiven; And sweetest still,—for human Love That makes the world a heaven!

Witch-Hazel.

Some sorcerers do boast they have a rod, Gathered with yows and sacrifice, That, borne aloft, will strangely nod The hidden treasure where it lies.

Not only for this present store

grace New labors to begin; A little life—a little space Just to be happy in!

Of its meaning might be-peace.

Ida Scott Taylor.

F. L. Stanton.

Old Superstition.

And

And I

With the spice of their perfume.



one might say. Mrs. Sanders was seated at the dining-room table, mending socks, while her husband sat with his feet propped up against the stove, his big silver specs playing peek-a-boo with his ears, and his mind absorbed in an article on hog-

"John Sanders, I want you to listen," the wife finally said a third time, laying down her work. "John, something's the matter with Nick."

"Guess there is," was the reply "Where's the lad again tonight?"

"John, don't know—and that's just the trouble."

'Did he feed the chickens? Told him twice

twice." "He did. Nick is a good young man, and you can be proud of your boy, John. Ever since Fred left home Nick's got no big brother around for a bad example. Does his work all right, never frets, but John, he walks around so like in a trance, don't hear or see nobody, won't talk don't show no appette..." tance, don't hear or see house, talk, don't show no appetite—'' ''Well, Sarah, give the lad some medi-

Well, Sarah, give the lad some factor me," the husband replied, starting in

"', the husband replied, starting in again to read his paper. "John Sanders, drop that there paper, I say!' his wife exclaimed. ''I want to tell you what I think, Upon my soul I believe—you know, Nick's been that sickly way ever since the big picnic in August."

August." "Pie wears off sooner than that, Sarah," John interposed. "Tain't pie, John, no 'tain't pie— something else is wrong and you know, I believe—Nick's in love." "Nick in love? Sarah, your plum off. Why, the lad won't look a girl in the face."

Why, the lad won't look a girl in the face." "That's just the style that get it bad when they get it," Sarah replied. "Yes now I'm sure he's in love. I wonder who the girl is, rackin' my brain all evening here; could you guess?" "Don't guess nothing, I don't, Sarah, and I figure there'll be no marrying business around here with that boy. Why, he don't know yet how to make a hoss-trade without tellin' the other fel-low all about the bad points of his hoss -queered a trade for me that way last week, I was going to get fifty dollars morp-" more

"Wes, I know, Nick is very honest,"
"Yes, I know, Nick is very honest,"
Mrs. Sanders interjected, "but now that you talk, John, I think he's in love with old man Babbitt's Jennie."
"Babbitt's Jennie!" cried Mr. Sanders, interested for the first time. "Why, Babbitt has got a mortgage on his place more than the whole farm is worth. There'll be no Jennie around this house, I tell you, for a daughter-in-law."
"Maybe it's Stella Ford," Mrs. Sanders, remarked, half to herself.

remarked, half to herself.

"Yes, Ford has six girls to feed," Sanders answered, or rather grunted, again picking up his paper. "Six girls ! What's there left for any one of them? You women can't figure a bit."

You women can't figure a bit." And Mr. Sanders went back to his article on hog-raising, while Mrs. San-ders from time to time tried to revert to the subject of their son's love affair. Growing wearied after a bit, Mr. Sanders went off to the bedroom, grumbling because Nick was still out of the house, while Mrs. Sanders went back to her mending stockings and wondering who her daughter-in-law would be. So Mrs Sanders at working and

So Mrs. Sanders sat working and musing for half an hour, when the door opened and in came Nick.

opened and in came Nick. You wouldn't have recognized him from the description Mrs. Sanders had given. Nick, despite that awful name (for his grandmother by the way was responsible.) looked anything but the disconsolate lover. His face was radiant, he walked up spry and whistled a merry tune. Mrs. Sanders looked up in sur-prise prise.

"That's good" he continued, when Mrs. Sanders nodded." "Why good?" "I want to talk to you about some-thin' ma," came the response, while Nick blushed from one big ear to the other. His long figure twitched ner-vously and his big, good-natured face was a pity to behold in its embarrass-

Yes, Nick," Mrs. Sanders replied in an undertone and in breathless susper "I'll, tell you tomorrow, ma," N continued, after a pause. Nick

continued, after a panse. "Tell me now, my boy," the mother answered, half forcing the young man into a chair. "Tell me now, and I won't tell pa. Did you ask her tonight?"/ "Not yet, ma," and the young man turned crimson. "But you're in love, Nick, tell me—/ admit it. Who's the girl?" Nick only blushed some more. "Is it Jennie?" Nick grinned and shook his head

Nick grinned and shook his head. "Then it's Stella, ain't it, my boy?" And Nick grinned another crimson negative.

"Then who can it be, my boy? "Tain't Frieda Brown?" "No, ma, she's a likely girl, but it ain't her," Nick finally managed to

and they, Area many many many reply. "Well, then, Nick," Mrs. Sanders said assuming her air of command, "Who is it? Do I know her?" "I don't know, ma," Nick blurted out. "You don't know—what's her name?" and "U don't know that either ma" and

"I don't know that. either, ma, and

"Don't know that eriter, may and "Don't know her name, Nick?" the mother asked sternly. "Nick, have you been flirting—catrying on with some

stranger?

'No, ma, but I can't remember her name--and that's just the trouble--it's made me half sick ever since summer.'' Mrs. Sanders burst into tears herself. She put her arm around the young man and kissed him. " "I know you ain't right, Nick," she said, "knew it long ago-but you was

face gleamed. Mrs. Sanders dropped into a chair. ''I ain't crazy ma, I heard her—yes, if you heard that sweet voice once you wouldn't forget it, either—and such a neat, quiet, pretty girl she was, too— with big biue eyes. I met her at the picnic in Aug.st, you know.'' ''I thought it was that picnic,'' Mrs. Sanders murmared. ''I saw he and talked with her there—

Sanders murmared. "I saw he. and talked with her there— and she taized a lot with me, but no-body told me her name, and I didn't know till next day how badly I wanted to see her." "Why didn't you ask some one for her name?" Mrs. Sanders answered. "I don't like to, ma; anyway, I'm afraid they'd laugh. She's a city girl— came up with some of our crowd to that picnic, but until today I didn't know for sure who it was she came with. Now I know it was Frieda. I heard her tonight at Frieda's house." Nick was waxing loquacious, but his

Nick was waxing loquacious, but his mother interrupted him. "Is the girl stopping at Frieda's again?"

again? Nick shook his head. "Then where is she, boy?" "Ma"—and the tears again stood in the young man's eyes—"she's way off in Chicago " Chicago." Mrs. Sanders gave another horrified

Mrs. Sanders gave another horrified look. "That boy is going plum crazy," she thought. "You said you heard her tonight, 'she said. "So I did, ma, so I did," Nick rejoined. "Oh," I heard her sing and talk and play the zither, just as she did at our picnic." Mrs. Sanders arose. "Nick," she cried sternly, "Nick I'm goin' to call the doctor." Then the poor woman broke down in

goin' to call the doctor.'? Then the poor woman broke down in tears." Nick arose in turn and put his big bulky arms around the mother. "Ma, I told you I aint crazy, but now you know Frieda's got a phonograph." A light dawned on Mrs. Sanders. "Yes, a real, genuine talking machine,

"Yes, a real, genuine talking machine, one of the kind on which you can make your own records," Nick continued. "Well, I just dropped in with Charlie

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again!" Mrs. Sanders looked at the floor in sile nce for some minutes while Nick stared at the ceiling. His vocabulary was exhausted. For the first itme he had spoken his mind, and now he could do nothing more than blush. After awhile Mrs. Sanders continued. "She's a friend of Frieda's," the anxious mother inquired, "and you say she stopped there last summer, and they made records of her voice? Is that all you know?" To all of which Nick nodded.

Mis. Sanders sat indusing denter the a bit she arose, "'My boy," she said "go to bed. There's lot's of things to do tomorrow, and pa wants you up earl. But I'll fix

and pa wants you up earl. But 4'll fix things for you." She kissed the young mat, who, kiss-ing back, just mumbled, "But don't tell pa nothing." Wherewith both adjourned to their beds. Mrs. Sanders laying her plots and revelling in her ingenuity. Well it was the next evening at supper that Mrs. Sanders showed her trump card. card

card. "John," she said, "don't you like to hear some nice band pieces, ragtime, comic songs, and so on?" "Guess I do," the old man grumbled, "but what's the use of liking things you can't have?" ¹ "You can have them, and we'll have a concert tonight," Mrs. Sanders replied. "Did you know the Browns had a phono-graph?"

graph?" "Never did," was the reply. "Pass me some more meat, Sarah." "Well, we're going over to Brown's tonight to hear a concert on that there phonograph. Nick'll hitch up right after supper."

To all of which Nick nodded. Mrs. Sanders sat musing again. After

Mr. Sanders didn't like to have any-Mr. Sanders film to have any thing done when his write commanded, but neither did he relish particularly op-posing her and, in this instance, with a musical treat in store, he consented readily

a musical treat in store, he consented readily. So Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders and Nick drove over to the Browns'. Mrs. Sanders started in at once to explain that Nick had heard such beautiful ragtime and Sousa marches the night before, they'd like to hear a few, too, if it wasn't too much trouble. "No trouble at all," the Browns said, for Frieda's six-year-old sister could run the phonograph as well as the old folks. In two minutes the machine was ready for a concert, Nick listening patiently to Sousa marches, dances, minstrel ré-cords and what not. He wanted to hear those three records of the beloved voice, but did not dare to ask.

but did not dare to ask. Finally Mrs. Sanders accomplished her mission by leading the conversation dex-terously to made records. Frieda ex-plained that they made their own records, then shaved them off and used the same then shaved them off and used the same records over and over again dozens of times, but that they had just three records left of a beautiful singer, a girl who stayed with them last summer. So these records were played, and Nick listened in heavenly ecstasy. "Who's your friend?" Mrs. Sanders blutted out. "Who'r Ethel Bicharde?" Exicle sold

"Who's your friend?"' Mrs. Sanders blutted out. "Why, Ethel Richards," Frieda said. "She stayed with me two weeks." "Yes, good looker she was," Mr. Sanders interjected. "Father a lawyer, as I remember." Here was an idea for Mrs. Sanders— just thrown at her. "You know, John, we were always go-ing to turn that law case over to some Chicago lawyer," Mrs. Sanders remarked and turning to Frieda she continued "Have you Mr. Richards' address?" Frieda didn't remember but she said she had a letter from Ethel some time ago which she would hunt up. Mr. Sanders laughed—said his wife' must be crazy to talk about turning that ten-dollar clothesline case' over to a Chicago law-yer. Anyway, the case had been dropped a year ago, and so on, but Mrs. Sanders Richards. Richards.

"Well, I'll just take it home and copy the address," Mrs. Sanders said when Frieda brought the letter, "if you don't mind," and of course Frieda didn't mind.

mind," and of course Frieda didn't mind. So the evening passed with more dance and minstrel and other records, and it was late before the three visitors left. Nothing more was said about the Ethel Richards case and I doubt if any of the Browns thought anything was in-volved beyond a notion of the enterpris-ing Mrs. Sanders to hire a Chicago law-yer for a ten-dollar case.

Anyway, when Mrs. Sanders got home she wrote forthwith to Mr. Richards about her law case and added a postscript saying that her son Nick wished to be remem-bered to Miss Ethel whom he had met at a picnic in the summer.

Back came a letter from Mr. Richards regretting that he could not handle the law case, but stating that his daughter Ethel was glad to be remembered and thanking Nick for the favors he had done for her at the picnic, including a special boat ride, a pony ride, etc. Then Mrs. Sanders induced Nick to write back him-self. Days and days of anxious waiting, and actually a short, pleasant note came from Miss Ethel. Months passed. Shall we tell of all of Nick'sanxiety--how he wrote a little longer letters each time, how the replies, also, came longer and longer at shorter intervals, how he called on Frieda more and more frequently until the neighbors thought it was a sure love match between him and Frieda² Back came a letter from Mr. Richards

him and Frieda' Suffice it to say that Frieda became both Ethel's and Nick's confidant, that she enjoyed playing the records over to Nich hundreds of times without wearying. Finally Nick made arecord of his own voice in Frieda's machine and sent it to Ethel, who in turn put the record on her phonograph and sent the reply on an-other record. You can imagine the rest.

Vou can imagine the rest. It wasn't long before Nick—with his mother's urging and his unsuspecting father's consent—had to take a trip to Chicago on business. Quite properly he called on Ethel. There wasn't anything

but a friendly relation at that time, but we know that Ethel liked Nick, the hon-est, straightforward, bashful but intelli-

est, straightforward, basin in but intern-gent country lad. And we have learned since that Ethel secured the permission of her parents to spend the Christmas holidays with Frieda. Spend the Christmas holdarys with Frieda. In her hearts of hearts, Ethel knows as well as we that she is coming to see Frieda because Nick is near, and as for Nick, he's already rehearsing how to pop the question and hear the sweet 'word ''Yes'' pronounced by the voice he loves.

A Perfect Thanksgiving

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but Auntie gave one to a poor lady. Auntie is the goodest lady I ever saw.¹¹ "That was the first time I ever thought

"That was the first time I ever thought of giving to anyone at Thanksgiving," said Mrs. Delmar humbly, "Elizabeth saw the poor woman shivering by the backdoor and wanted to give her some-thing so I fixed up a basket for her." "She is always wanting me to give pennies to the beggars," said Mr. Del-mar heaping the small china plate with good things. "I think we have been un-consciously going to school all the time since last September and have only begun to learn."

consciously going to school all the time since last September and have only begun "'School like I am going to some day or like Sunday School?'' asked Elizabeth with wide open eyes. "'Both, dearie. Why, how do you do, Cousin Fred? We didn't know you were in town," said Mr. Delmar ushering in a gentleman. "You are just in time for dinner. We were speaking of you folks this morning and wished your wife was able to celebrate the day." "She is better and I have come for Elizabeth. No, thank you, I can not wait for dinner as I must eatch the after-noon train. Hurry and put on 'your wraps, child, for we haven't much time." "She, has crept into our hearts and we simply can not do without her," said Mrs. Delmar when they had wept and pleaded and coaxed and argued to no purpose. "We are able to care for her and give her a good education but that is not the reason we want her. We can not exist withont the child." "I am her guardian and have a right to keep her," said Fred Gardner stubbornly." "Just because: you have more money than I you want to take advantage of me. The will says I am to have three dollars a week tor taking care of her and yoon want to take that right out of my pocket." "Well, if you don't know any better than to burden yourselves with a child when you have none of your own I ought not to object. My wife never did like her or want her with us so if yon're sure you won't want to slift her off on us in a year or two I have no objection to leaving her. You'll have to put it in black and white if you intend to keep her." "Sure?" Mrs. Delmar sped for pen and ink and her husband with trembling

black and white it. Just her." "Sure?" Mrs. Delmar sped for pen and ink and her husband with trembling fingers wrote up the contract. They breathed a sigh of relief when he was safely out of the house and Mrs. Delmar rushed to the nursery whither Elizabeth had been sent after that first blunt dec-location.

rushed to the nursery winner state of the had been sent after that first blunt dec-laration. "O Auntie," cried the frightened little girl clinging to the woman who sobbed over her. "Won't you be my Mamma? Maggie said if I had a real Papa and Mamma no one could eversend me where I didn't want to go." "Mama," whispered Elizabeth when they sat down once more to the cold Thanksgiving dinner, "Papa asked bless-ing twice. What was that for?" "Because he is so happy, dear," ex-plained the happy woman pressing her lips to the eager little face. "I don't think we will ever get through rejoicing over this perfect Thanksgiving day." "That is just what it is," said Mr. Del-mar. "The dinner is cold and Eliza-beth's cat at the pie and we forgot the ice cream but it is a perfect Thanksgiving just the same."

Mother's Meeting

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Such a relationship causes childish confidence, invites to openness of heart and mother learns every thought of the child. As you, my readers, know, I am steadfastly in earnest over the theme of steadfastly in earnest over the theme of teaching sex truths in time—which is to the very young children—and the embar-rassed mother or the one who "never could talk" will find her golden reward if by the delightful companionship woven in the hours spent teaching Kin-dergarten she is able to easily approach this sacred subject of sex. No one but mother can so sweetly,-purely, truly teach a child its first lessons on any theme. Be jealous of anyone who assumes this privilege of yours.

So we voted for the party which de-clared they'd do away With the ills the poor man suffered, and bring in the glorious day When the rich should cease to grind us, and prosperity would come, And low prices fill with plenty every honest laborer's home. Vain delusion! lying promise! But we have ourselves to thank That no flour is in the barrel and no money in the bank. W. H. C.



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Amanda's Trip

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beside her plate, and one glance at the amount, nearly took away her breath. What had she eaten? And dropping again to her chair, she looked as though she feared she had lost her mind. She opened her purse again, count-ing out the required amount, then closing it with a snap, she hurried again to the street. The crowd was at its height, and her

again to the street. The crowd was at its height, and her limbs ached with walking the hard pave-ments; then as the old farm rose before her, it never seemed so peaceful as now when she was longing for the dear old home and trees home and trees

She could imagine Joshua hard at work in the sweet dewy meadows, and hear in her mind the low toned robin's call. He had said that there was nothing in New York to beat it, and she be-gan to feel that he was right.

gan to feel that he was right. She started for her hotel, puzzled to know the way, but consulting a police-man, he escorted her to a Broadway car, where on being seated and looking for her purse, she was filled with consterna-tion to find it had been stolen from her pocket, and not a cent was left to pay her fare her fare.

She arose feebly, trying to stop the car, when a gentleman observing her distress, quickly handed her the necessary nickel, telling her to remain in her seat. Aunt Amanda turned towards his kind

Annt Amanda turned towards his kind face with lowspoken thanks. "I don't know who you be," she said humbly, "but Joshua Jinkins will feel grateful to yer for befriending his wile, and if I live 'till mornin', I'll be back on the farm again, for the home he an' the Lord has given me, will be sufficient the rest of my life."

The gentleman proved a friend, and as he was staying at the same hotel, kind-ly helped Aunt Amanda procure a return ticket, as she had more money in her trunk, and saw her safely on her home-mard trunk

ward train. "Come to the farm this summer, and you shall have the best biled dinner Amanda Jinkins can produce," she said as she gave him her hand at parting, and with a last nod, the train sped out of the station as though that also wished to hasten towards Amanda's home.

Joshua arose with the birds that morn-ing, and going to the barn, planned a hard days work, to drive away his dull thoughts. Ann Maria was also busy over thoughts. Ann Maria was also busy over the morning meal, but instead of the hot fried potatoes and ham, which Amanda always had prepared, she like all girls, wished to try some new experiment in cooking, and set before her uncle's plate a light cream omelet, which he had never seen before and had no wish to taste again, for being asked anxiously how he liked her new receipt, he had vowed that it tasted as much like noth-ing, as anything he ever ate. That was too much for even Ann Maria, and taking a pan to the orchard, she was about to dig the greens for dinner, when looking up, she saw her Aunt Amanda creeping up the country

Aunt Amanda creeping up the country road

road.
She sprung to the wall, but Joshua had also seen the blessed sight, and nearly leaping the fence, he 'hastened to her side, while no experience of their youth-ful days, could have compared with that glad meeting.
She placed her hands in his, and smiled as he kissed her lips like a youthful lover.
"'I'ye had my trip to New York.'' she

youthful lover. "'I've had my trip to New York,'' she said briefly, "and now Joshua I shall be contented on the farm. It's fine there I suppose, and there must be wealth in abundance, but we've got plenty o' love an' kind friends here, and best of all each other,'' with a contented smile, "and I tell you nothin' that I've seen vet, will tempt me to leave my home

"and I tell you nothin' that I've seen yet, will tempt me to leave my home and Joshua Jinkins again." He led her to the house, where she related all her vast experiences, "but the dinner was the worst Joshua," she said, "what do you suppose made that yeal cost so much?"

veal cost so much?" "Perhaps it costs more to raise 'em in New York," he replied meekly. "Perhaps it does," she answered, "I hadn't thought o' that, and if you should see the place Joshua, I don't think you'd want to raise much live stock there yourself."

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Autumn Wildlings.

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Among the most profuse bloomers of autumn are the asters, from the small white and blue blossoms to the clus-ters of big purple flowers mingling with clumps of goldenrod along the roadside. Long after frost has laid low most of the flowers these beautiful purple asters re-main, relieving the monotony of brown fields. The oxeye daisy is a spring flower but some of its blossoms may be found throughout the summer and autumn. I have found them as late as the middle of December, the only blos-soms left save an occasional dandelion.

soms left save an occasional dandelion. In mid-autumn the gentians, artichokes, clover and wild cartots brighten the fields with their blossoms. These common plants usually are passed by being re-garded as weeds nevertheless their blos-soms are as beautiful as many garden flowers. Many of these native or wild plants may be transplanted to the flower plants may be transplanted to the nower garden, where they will thrive, and each autumn give a brilliant display of blos-soms when cold has killed most flowers. Half a dozen kinds planted together will rival any bed of cultivated plants and will elicit almiration from everyone.

Migrations of Nuts.

Migrations of Nuts.
"Yes, thank you," said the professor of botany, as the mistress of the house at which he was visiting passed him the mathematical and the second se

and thus the nuts are gathered. "One can buy at almost any grocery now more than a dozen kinds of nuts, each of which represents for the most part a different part of the earth. Here in this dish, for instance, are walnuts, pecans, hazelnuts, butternats, filberts, cobnuts, chestnuts and our own American peanut. The walnut is a strange sort of vagrant, and so it has earned its name, which in the German means foreior nut which in the German means foreign nut.

"It has changed its habitat until it has "It has changed its habitat until it has gone all around the world. It is a close relative to the butternut and was first found almost as far north as the Arctic circle. At a later date it appeared in France, and then shifted to Japan. After several centuries it was again introduced into Europe from the country south of the Cancasus. Hence its name, as a forthe Cancasus. Hence its name, as a for-eigner. I don't know of a city where I have been that there is not a Filbert street,'' said the professor, after he had discovered a filbert nut at the bottom of the dish. "The reason is that the filbert include hear a popular nut. It is discovered a filtert nut at the bottom of the dish. "The reason is that the filtert has long been a popular nut. It is named after a German saint, whose day is August 22. The chief difference be-tween filterts and cobnuts is that the first are longer, with the involucre completely covering the nut, while the cobnuts are rounder, with less husk. "England is the home of the hazelnut and English hazelnuts, by the way are far superior to our American varieties. "In the old country the cultivation of hazelnuts has been carried on with such

hazeluuts has been carried on with such success that the nut has become a dainty, and is ranked as such." "But you said something about 'even

our American peanut,' '' said the Vassar student, "and you said it as if the peanut belonged to a lower class. You didn't mean to make fun of the poor peanut, did

Well, not make fun of it, exactly," replied the professor, "but we all know, nevertheless, that the poor peanut is made fun of, abused and regarded as a poor nevermeness, that the poor peanut is made fun of, abused and regarded as a poor man's nut by a great many people. I sup-pose the reason is that it is such an easy nut to eat that it has become common and hence regarded as vulgar by those people who are always trying to avoid what the majority, or, as they term it, the masses, do. Peanuts can be carried anywhere, and by some are eaten about everywhere. Hence the contempt for the everywhere. Hence the contempt for the peanut has caused, not by the peanut it-

peanut has caused, not by the peanut it-self by those who persist in the abuse of eating it indiscriminately." "But the peanut is not truly a nut?" interrupted the girl collegian, as she looked at her mother to see what effect the question would have. "Very true," answered the botanist. "Strictly speaking it is a pod much the same as peas or beans. And the reason that I said that it is American is because it was found growing in Central Amerit was found growing in Central Amer-ica. It was then transplanted to Brazil it was found growing in Central Amer-ica. It was then transplanted to Brazil and Peru. It next found its way to China, and was carried by the Chinese to India, Celon and the Malay archipelago. Then the Portuguese adventurers carried it in their slave ships to Africa. In later days it has invaded Australia, as well."

"Which is another evidence of the 'American invasion,' said the father of the household, who played numble-te-peg with the professor forty years before. St.Louis Globe-Democrat

A Good Thing by Dr. Johnson.

The famous Dr. Johnson had so much bothered his London publisher, Andrew Millar, in the printing of his diction-ary, that when it was finally completed, Mr. Millar wrote as follows: "Mr. Andrew Millar's compliments to "Mr. Andrew Millar's compliments to

Dr. Dr. Johnson, and he thanks God that he is done with him."

To which came this reply: "Dr John-son is glad to know that Mr. Andrew Millar has the grace to thank God for anything " anything.

Another good story of Dr. Johnson is that, when he proposed matrimony to the lady who became his wife, she told him that she couldn't marry because one of har uncles had been hung, to which the doctor replied that he didn't know that any of his relatives had ever been hung, but that he had several who ought to have been.

Log Cabin Philosophy.

It's mighty hard ter turn over de new leaf, kaze some er de New Year books comes uncut.

comes uncut. Folks dat always lookin' fer a bushel er happiness never stops fer think dey might er got 'long wid a pint measure. De worl' is gittin' better, but human natur' is still wid us, en won't pay de gas bill 'twel de last day er grace.

Certain of That.

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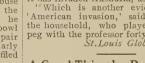
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November Party.

November gave a party; The leaves by hundreds came— The Ashes, Oaks, and Maples, And those of every name; The sunshine spread a carpet, And everything was grand; Miss Weather led the dancing, Perfector Wind the band. Professor Wind the band

The Chestnuts came in yellow, The Oaks in crimson dressed; The lovely Misses Maple In scarlet looked their best. And balanced all their partners And gaily fluttered by— The sight was like a rainbow New fallen from the sky.

Then in the rustic hollows At "hide and seek" they played; The party closed at sundown, And everybody stayed. Professor Wind played louder, They flew along the ground, And then the party ended In jolly "hands around."

How Salt Cools Coffee.

Between bites of the simple breakfast he had ordered, the young clerk gazed nervously at the restaurant clock. It was plain he had overslept himself, and was paving the way to future indigestion by bolting his food. The coffee was the stumbling block. It was hot, very hot, but the clerk needed it badly and he sipped it carefully, having due regard for his mouth and tongue. But time pressed, and, with a parting glance at the clock, he reached for his glass of ice water and prepared to pour some of the frigid fluid into his cup. "Don't spoil your coffee, young man," said an elderly gentleman who was eating his breakfast on the other side of the table. "You take all the good out of it by putting ice or ice water in it." Between bites of the simple breakfast

table. "You take all the good out of it by putting ice or ice water in it." The clerk was at first inclined to resent the interference, but the patriarchal ap-pearance of the other man tempered his

"What am I to do?" he asked. "I am late for the office, and I want this coffee badly.

"Let me show you a little scheme," said the elderly man. Taking the cylin-drical salt cellar from the table, he wiped it carefully with a napkin, then reaching over deposited the glass vessel in the cup of coffee of coffee.

of coffee. "Salt, you know, has peculiar cooling properties," he said, meanwhile holding the receptacle firmly in position. "They put it with ice to intensify the cold when making ice cream. It is used exten-sively in cold storage warehouses for cooling purposes, and being incased in glass does not affect its power to any great extent." As he sooke he withdrew the salt cellar

great extent." As he spoke he withdrew the salt cellar from the coffee and motioned to the younger man to drink. He raised the cup to his lips, and to his surprise found the liquid cooled to such an extent that he could drink it without inconvenience. "The uses of salt are manifold," said the elderly man with the air of one beginning a lecture. "I remember once when I was in Mexico—" But the clerk with another glance at

But the clerk, with another glance at the clock, thanked him profusely and dashed out of the restaurant. New York Mail-Express.

Migratory birds invisible to the eye have been detected by the telescope crossing the disk of the sun some six miles above the earth. They have found one of the secret places of the Most High; far above the earth, invisible to the human eye, hidden in the light, they were delightfully safe from the fear of evil. Thus it is with the soul that soars into the heavenly places. No arrow can reach it, no fowler betray it, no creature of prey make it afraid; it abides in the shadow of the Almighty. Nashville Christian Advocate. Nashville Christian Advocate

Little Hints on Good Breeding. Charm of manner may be an acquire-Charm of manner may be an acquire-ment as well as an endowment. Manner is much more subtle than manners. Manners may take on a fine polish, but manner is the unconscious expression of the inner self, of the personality which, when revealing a lovely soul, is the most

commanding and persuasive force that []

commanding and post-one can exert. A loud laugh, an over-vivacious man-ner betrays a lack of breeding. Copy the stillness of form, the quiet poise, which is the great charm of English women, while a vivacity somewhat under restraint adds that which is winning and piquante in the manner of our own countrywomen.

in the manner of our own countrywomen. In sitting, place one foot slightly in advance of the other, as a Frenchwoman always does. There will then be no effort needed to rise properly—it is done without strain on any one set of muscles, and is natural, easy and graceful. When one has spent a day or more in visiting at a friend's house, ordinary courtesy demands that, on one's return home, a note shall be written promptly to the hostess thanking her for her pleas-ant hospitality. A gentleman does not make a girl con-spicuous by over-attention nor shun her

A gentleman does not make a girl con-spicuous by over-attention nor shun her when he is thrown into her society simply because she does not attract him. A man, acknowledging a lady's recog-nition in a restaurant or hotel dining-room, should rise partly from his chair. Politeness is the best defense against other people's bad manners. An engaged girl should accept from her lover only such gifts as might be re-turned to him uninjured, should the en-gagement be broken. It is bad form to offer or accept wearing apparel. Many persons prefer not to announce their engagements until there is a pros-pect of the marriage taking place within a year.

a year. The form of announcement of an en-The form of announcement of an en-gagement, among persons who make a fashion by following it, is by note. The young woman writes to her girl friends and the man to his intimates; the mothers of the "happy pair" also write to those whom they desire shall receive early in-formation. The recipients of the pleas-ant news then pass it on. In choosing subjects of conversation, some one has aptly said that the three "d's' should be avoided—''dress, domes-tics and diseases."

tics and diseases." It is sometimes kinder and in better taste to accept a compliment than to party it.

Mrs. Burton Kingsland in Success.

An Incident of the Road.

An incident of the Koad, An automobilist who was touring through the country saw walking ahead of him a man followed by a dog. As the machine drew near them the dog started suddenly to cross the road; he was hit by the car and killed immed-iately. The motorist stopped his ma-chine and approached the owner. "I'm very sorry, my man, that this has happened," he said: "Will \$5 fix it?" "Oh, yes," said the man; "\$5 will fix it, I guess."

it, I guess." Pocketing the money as the car disappeared in the distance he looked down at the dead animal. "I wonder whose dog it was," he said.

'I wonder whose dog it was," he said. Harper's Weekly.

The Reason.

I entered just as they were in the mid-dle of the conversation. "And I kept carrying the dirt away from it," he said, "and it kept getting bigger and getting bigger and getting bigger_"

I interrupted in the interests of ac-curacy; for, I reasoned, if he kept carry-ing the dirt away from it, it must in the nature of things have kept getting smaller and smaller. I commented upon this. He looked at me unpleasantly.

"We were digging a hole, you chump!" he said.



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The Lake Champlain Quaker.

and commanding as some dear princess, it sweeps to he northern border, and the mountains range themselves on either side, watching and adoring. The largest island in the lake is long and wide, and has several townships of its own. Somewhere about 1785 a family of Quakers came from the South and found the place. "The Lord," they said, "has led us into ways of peace. Here we will live, and the blessing of Heaven will be with us." They labored at their wholesome toil and their minds were filled with wholesome thoughts. Sun and storm succeeded sun and storm, and the years passed, and they found rest unto the third generation. In 1861, when the stricken country cried for men to save her, the note of war came to the island, and the great-grandson of the first Quaker was drafted. "Bat it will be no use," he said. "I shall never fight. My mother taught me it is a sin. It is her religion and my father's, and their fathers'. I shall never raise my hand to kill anyone." The recruiting officer took little notice. "We'll see about that later," he com-mented carelessly.

"We'll see about that mented carelessly. The regiment went to Washington and the Quaker boy drilled placidly and shot straight. "But I shall never fight," he

Word went out that there was a traitor in the ranks. The lieutenant conferred with the captain, and all the forms of punishment devised for refractory soldiers were visited on him. He went through them without flinching, and there was only one thing left. He was taken be-"What does this mean?" demanded the officer. "Don't you know you will be shot?"

The Quaker was a nice boy with steady eyes and a square chin, and he smiled a little. "That is nothing," he said. "Thee didn't think I was afraid, did thee?"

The prisoner went back to the guard-The prisoner went back to the guard-house and the colonel went to the Presi-dent, to Lincoln, who was great because he knew the hearts of men. The case was put before him—of the mutinous Quaker who talked of his religion, the soldier who refused to fight, who defied pain and laughed at the fear of death. Lincoln listened and looked relieved. "Why, that is plain enough," he ans-wered. "There is only one thing to do. Trump up some excuse and send him

Trump up some excuse and send him home. You can't kill a boy like that, you know. The country needs all her brave men wherever they are. Send him home

So the Quaker went back to the island, to life and duty as he saw them, and his children tell the story. Lippincott's.

The man who puts a quarter in the con-tribution box feels a glow of prideful ownership the next time he hears the chimes on that particular church. Boston Home Journal.

Believe the Cat Understood.

A family which had lived in a flat for a number of years left it at the first of the summer and moved to a cottage in the northern suburbs in order that their children might have the benefit of the spacious grounds which surrounded the house. The family cat, with several kit-tens, was taken to the summer home, and so far as known didn't leave the place during the three months the family re-

during the three months the family fe-mained there. Several mornings since, while at the breakfast table, the lady of the house said to her husband: "I think I shall take the children and return home this morn-ing. We will open up the house and get things in shape so that we can move back the first of September." Sha noticed the cet looking at her in-

the first of September." She noticed the cat looking at her in-tently as she spoke, but thought nothing of it until several hours later, when she and the children reached the flat. As they came up they beheld the cat perched on the steps as if waiting for them and showing every evidence of deet sample case. Exclusive Territory to Agents. CANTON CUTLERY CO. 1259 E. 10th St., Canton, O. light at getting back to the old home.

The members of the family do not doubt that she understood what was said about ''going home.''

A Methodical Being.

A man of method, who attended to everything on schedule time, whether it was work or recreation, had the fortune to fall in love when he had passed the age of forty. The mistress of his heart put up with his oddities. He had regular hours for coming and going, regular the-atre and club nights, etc. In fact she looked upon his regularity as something admirable. admirable.

admirable. Things had been going on in this way for two years, and finally the great crisis came. They were to be married. The day was fixed, the wedding clothes were made, the guests invited and the minis-ter was engaged.

ter was engaged. At the appointed time they were all assembled. The bride was dressed, the wedding presents were displayed, but the bridegroom came not. The bride wept and fainted, but it did no good. Finally some friends of the delinquent groom hurried away to see if he could be found. He could. He was at home in his room, reading as unconcernedly as if he had never contemplated getting married. married.

"What is the matter? Why don't you come to your wedding?" shouted his friends.

The man of regular habits laid down his books. . "I am very sorry," he said, "but

is my regular day for staying at home and reading. I forgot it when I made the engagement. The wedding will have to be postponed." London Tit-Bits.

Too Many Questions.

The fallacy of asking too many ques-tions is generally followed by much embarrassment.

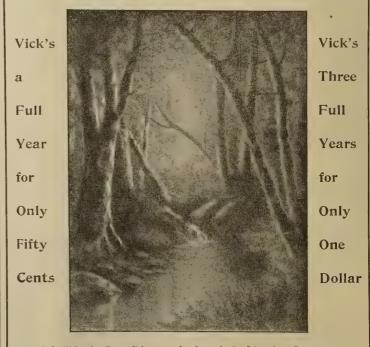
I was stopping at a large hotel, and one day as I came out and took my hat from

day as I came but and took in the hard to him: the hands of the hat keeper I said to him: "How do you know that is my hat?" "I don't know it, sul," said the boy. "Then why do you give it to me?

insisted.

"Because," replied the boy, "you gave it to me!" Lippincott's.

POETS have sung the praises of the babbling brook for ages and the lovers of nature have reveled in the deep, restful shade by the side of the stream; but it was left for the famous Fisher, the great landscape artist, to put it on cauvas in black and white to delight the eyes of all lovers of art and nature. As one sits and looks at this picture he can almost hear the rippling water as it dashes over the rocks, and can easily imagine that he sees his own likeness mirrored in the placid stream. We were fortunate enough to obtain the original of this great picture direct from the artist himself, and have had it engraved especially as a



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The Cooking of Fruit.

A paragraph which has been going the rounds rather extensively, informs the housewife that a litle soda (saleratus) added to stewed fruit when it is being cooked lessens the quantity of sugar re-quired to sweeten it.

While this is true, it is equally the fact that the sola accomplishes this result by destroying the acidity of the fruit, and in the process the life and flavor are, to an extent injured. A preserve to which soda has been added is rather flat and tasteless when compared with one which is made entirely of fruit sweetened with is made entirely of fruit, sweetened with sugar.

The wise and truly economical house-wife will not destroy the flavor of a healthful and pleasing dish of stewed fruit in order to effect a saving so very, small.

very small. Fruit that is over acid, such as cran-Fruit that is over acid, such as cran-berries, red currants, gooseberries, etc., will call for less sugar in sweetening if they are prepared in the following manner: After washing the fruit, place it in an agate kettle and cover with clear cold water. Set the kettle over the fire and being the certaints guide by the beil cold water. Set the kettle over the fire and bring the contents quickly to the boil-ing point; pour off the water, and then set the kettle where the fruit will cook slowly in the usual way. adding only enough water to keep the fruit from burning. Add sugar sufficient to make the preserve palatable, and do not add the sugar until just before the fruit is re-moved from the fire, since less is required than when the sweetening is cooked with the fruit. the fruit.

the fruit. The juice or water that was poured off the fruit, at first, can be made very cold, sweetened with sugar and served as a drink; it may also be used in place of water or milk for the foundatiion of a pudding sauce, a little sugar being added and the whole thickened with corn starch or ar-rowroot. Apples or pears may be sliced and cooked in this fruit juice instead of using water in the usual way, and it can also be used in mincemeat, in fruit cakes or boiled puddings. Ernit should never be placed on the

or boiled puddings. Fruit should never be placed on the front of the range and stewed like a veg-etable. Its appearance is much more at-tractive if it is kept as entire as possible. Apples and pears should, be cut into quarters or eighths, and laid in the sauce-pan carefully, a very little water or fruit juice added and the cover kept on the component all the time they are being saucepan all the time they are being cooked. What to Eat. cooked.

The Guidance of Reason.

The villagers were all gathered round the little store, talking about Sam Jones' lost colt. It was a two-year-old and had strayed out of the pasture lot the day be-fore. Sam was worried about it, the neighbors had all been out looking for it without success, and no one seemed to know where to look for it. Iim stood there looking on and listen

Jim stood there, looking on and listen-ing. Jim was a tall, lank young fellow, regarded as half-witted by some persons and as foolish by others. "I think I could find your h-horse,"

"You? Why Jim, how do you think you could find him when we have had the best men in town out looking for "Wal." said Jim, "I could try, "Yes," approximately approx

try, and if you find him I'll give you a

try, and if you find him I'll give you a dollar." "All right," said Jim, and walked away on his search. To the surprise of all, he returned in less than half an hour, leading the missing horse by a rope tied round his neck. "Well, well!" asid Jones, as he took the horse and paid Jim the dollar, "how in the world did you find him soquick?" Jim answered, in his long drawn out words, "Why I thought, 'Now it I was a horse, where would I go?" And so I went there, and he had." Youth's Companion.

Writing in 1821 to his son Walter, then a lieutenant in the Fifteenth Hussars, Sir Walter Scott says: "I wish I heard of you giving some part of the day to use-ful reading; that is a habit as well as other habits, and may be acquired or lost, and when it is lost a man cannot escape being a triffer for his whole life." *Eamiliar Letters of Sir Walter Scott*

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The Story of a Turkey.

De parson say: "Dat turkey De bes' I ever see; I wonders whar dey kotched it, En whar de roost kin be?

"I foun' him on de do'step-

A -shiverin' in de storm ; I fotched him ter de fire En put him on ter warm.

"En den I gits so drowsy I nodin' up en down; En w'en I waked, de fire Had cooked dat turkey bron!"

- Dat way he told de story
- W'en sudden, on de do', Dey come a mighty knockin' Dat almos' shuck de flo'.
- De parson stomped de fire-His foot wuz fire-proof ! En den clumb up de chimney En crawled out on de roof.

- De sheriff say: ''Dat turkey De bes' I ever see! I knows des whar he kotched him-He gwine home wid me!''

The Extension of Life.

It is gratifying to learn from "American Medicine'' that the span of life is growing longer and that in the future centenarians longer and that in the future centenarians will be even more common than they are at present. To be sure, those who ask the question, Is life worth living? will hardly rejoice over this announce-ment, but the majority of people long for a hale and hearty old age, and find this world too beautiful a place to leave except with sincere regret. They are willing to put off the realization of the something after this as long as possible and have no dread of childishness and mere oblivion. Many indeed, have retained their fac-ulties unimpaired until after they have

Many indeed, have retained their fac-ulties unimpaired until after they have passed the hundred year mark, including among tweny-three others in England, Mrs. Hanbury of Richmond, Surrey, who did not shake off her mortal coil until she was in her logth year. Then there was Lady Carew of County Water-ford, Ireland, who was born in 1798 and did not sees out of existence until a short did not pass out of existence until a short in 1790 and did not pass out of existence until a short time ago. We have beside the record in the Lancet of a man who died in the Blackburn workhouse at 105, following in Blackburn workhouse at 105, following in longevity his mother, who reached a similar age, and there is no knowing how long his sister might have lived under happier auspices, for she was killed at 102, when she was, perhaps, hoping to outrival her long-lingering relatives. Centenarians, it seems, are not confined to any degree, class or condi-tion, and they flourish among the intem-perate as well as the sober, among the dishonest as well as the strictly upright, and among the clean as well as the unreaction clean. Centenarianism appears in many and among the clean as well as the un-clean. Centenarianism appears in many instances to have been inherited, and to have no connection with sanitary precau-tions or surroundings, though, perhaps, some of its enjoyers might have climbed up into the marefied atmosphere in which of old dwelt Methusaleh, if they had taken reasonably good care of them-selves, for American Medicine says that all the evidence now before the scientific world goes to show that the average selves, for American Medicine says that all the evidence now before the scientific world goes to show that the average period of human life is extending far beyond old-fashioned borders, and this, it is believed, is due to additional phy-sical comforts and the almost universal diffusion of some of the fundamental maxims of hygiene. By the end of the twenieth century, it concludes, "the physician will be no longer required to include in his duty the care of disease. He will only require to maintain the efficiency of his scouts and outposts, so as to insure timely warning of every approaching invasion of microscopic enemies, if any happen to be still left; and all his other energies may be de-voted to the provision of means for the lengthening of the span of human life." Though we may not be on this planet to see this improved state of things, it is pleasant to contemplate the idea that our descendants will be nearer the millennium

pleasant to contemplate the idea that our descendants will be nearer the millennium than we are in this year of grace 1905. The Japanese, by the way, had many aged generals in the field in their late war with Russia, and nearly everywhere we find that men who are no longer young are demanded for action as well as counsel.

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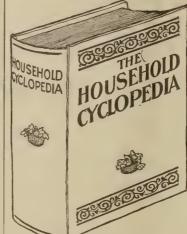
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An Ostrich-Farm Miserere.

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Sunset Magazine.

The Topsy-Turvey Japanese.

What delightfully topsy-turvey people the Japanese are, according to One Who Knows Them. "The genial Jap," he tells us, "seems as if he cannot do any-thing quite as everybody else does it. He mounts his horse on the right side, and when he stables it, backs it in tail first and feeds it from a tub at the stable door. We hould his horse on the beach door. He hauls his boat on the search stern first; he prints his boaks with the footnotes at the top of the page, and the word, finis, where we put the tille page. In addressing his letters he puts the name loct and the town or country first he last and the town or country first; he says 'east-north' and 'west-south' where we say 'northeast and southwest', his keys we say normeast and southwest, his keys turn in instead of out; he drinks his wine before and not after his dinner; and when he wants to be specially polite he removes not his head covering but that of his feet." Tit Bits.

A Receipt for Keeping Young.

She was as fresh in color as a girl, her She was as fresh in color as a girl, her hair without a touch of gray, her face without a wriukle, and she felt, I am sure, as she certainly looked, far younger than I did. So I asked her finally: "How do you keep so fresh and young with all your great family?" She looked at me a moment and then laughed a merry little laugh. "You see," she said, "I haf my von little naps."

naps.'' ''Your what?'' I asked, puzzled to

"My von little naps," she repeated. "But tell me; I do not understand," I said. ''Vy so, ''she said in her pretty, broken

"'Vy so, ''shè said in her pretty, broken English, ''about twelve o'clock, or maybe one or maybe two, as you like it besser, I takes de baby, vichever is de baby, and I goes to de room and takes my naps." "But if the baby won't sleep at that time?'' I objected. She shrugged her shoulders. "Oh he sleeps all right."

Sheeps all right." "But there are so many things to do while the baby sleeps," I went on. "I vill haf my naps," was her smiling

answer. "But," I urged, "suppose something happens to the other children while you and the baby are asleep?"

Then she did stare at me. "There coud be noti'ng happen to dose children vorse dan I not get my von little naps," she said indignantly.

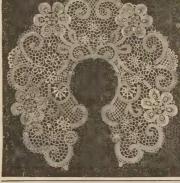
I gave it up. This closed the argu-tent. Christian Uplook. ment.

Tough Flour.

"I want to complain of the flour you sent me the other day," said Mrs. Newliwed, severely. ''What was the matter with it ma'am?'

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Wintering Bees.

Wintering Bees. In cold climates the wintering of bees is the greatest problem the bee-keeper has to deal with. It is not unusual for one to lose twenty percent, and some apiaries have been practically wiped out of existence in a single winter. Plans and preparations that prove successful one winter, or in one location often bring disaster in another, and for that reason I shall not go into the details of successful wintering; such details would fill many pages of this paper. If one wishes the opinion of those who think they know just how to successfully winter bees, they would do well to subscribe for some of the papers devoted wholly to apiculture. apiculture.

There are however, some very impor-tant points upon which all sensible bee-keepers agree and which will not be amiss here. Each colony should have iwentyhere. Each colony should have twenty-five to thirty pounds of good honey stored in their brood combs, and the earlier in the season it is stored there the better. One man, G. M. Doolittle, I think, said "ten pounds too much is just enough" and I agree with him, es-pecially if they are to be wintered on their summer stands. Each colony should have an abundance of young healthy bees and a young Queen. They should be kept as dry, as warm and as quiet as possible. To secure the first, and if out-door, the

To secure the first, and if out-door, the most important condition, dryness, there is nothing equal to a cushion of sawdust or other like material pressed tightly over the brood combs.

To keep them warm, as soon as cold weather comes put each hive in a box that is two or three inches larger around and taller than the hive with cushion on and pack chaff or sawdust in the space after fixing a litte bridge like thing over the entrance to make a passage to a hole in the outside box. As soon as steady cold weather prevails close the outside entrance and leave it closed except when the weather is warm enough for bees to come out.

come out. To be on the safe side it is best to open them whenever the temperature reaches 45° and one *must not* fail to do so, as to keep them in when they want to get out would be a serious mistake. The best way, at least for me to winter bees, is to put them in a cellar. The necessaries are a warm, dry dark cellar, one where the temperature stays about 40-45°. Put them in as soon as they cease to fly on days when the temperature is about 55° . When this time comes—in this locality about Nov 15,—choose a day when it is freezing or cold enough so they will not fly out much when disturbed.

freezing or cold enough so they will not fly out much when disturbed. Set the first hive on blocks or a box, take off the wood cover and lay a few thicknesses of cloth over the frames; if the swarm is small put a thickness of paper between the cloth, then lay two flat sticks across the top, being sure to have them long enough to rest on the upper edge of the hive body, lest the weight of other hives break the brood frames. On these sticks put another hive and so on as seems necessary. Some lay and so on as seems necessary. Some lay long 2x4 timbers on the cellar bottom and rest a great many on each pair but it is not right; as one cannot touch one hive without disturbing all that are on the same foundation and it causes lots of the same foundation and it causes lots of trouble when taking them out in the spring. The cellar must be kept dark and free from rats and mice as it takes but little to disturb them. Leave the entrance *open* $\frac{3}{6}$ inch by the width of the hive is about right,—don't have it large enough for a mouse. The gas from oil and other stoves annoys them and bits cell things that make them restless bill and other stoves annoys them and like all things that make them restless, should be avoided. The cellar to our house is divided and for several years the winter, the bees came out in poor condi-tion each spring, but for the last three winters the room has been kept warm and the loss of bees in the cellar has not Dept, V

been worth considering. Bee-men who have failed with specially constructed cellars, better paste these last lines in their hat. Chester A. Olmstead.

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"What do you want little boy?" asked the druggist. "Say, mister," said the boy, who had been wrinkling his face, scratching his head and rubbing his right foot up and down his left leg in the effort to remem-ber something that had escaped him, "what's the name of that place where we've got so many soldiers?" "Fort Sheridan?" "No: its a good deal furder away than

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"Manila! Thats' right. I knowed I'd get it after a while. I want a bottle of manila extract for flavorin' ice cream. How much?''

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"How it all comes back to me !" mused Borus, the struggling author, as he untied another bundle of rejected manuscript.

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"Every day is a fresh beginning, Every morn is the world made new: You who are weary of sorrow and sinning, Here is a beautiful hope for you— A hope for me, and a hope for you."

A brave man knows no malice; but forgets, in peace, the injuries of war, and gives his direct foe a friend's embrace.-Cowper.

Of all virtues magnanimity is the rarest; there are a hundred persons of merit for one who willingly acknow-ledges it in another.—*Hazlitt*.

The blossom cannot tell what becomes of its odos, and no man can tell what becomes of his influence and example that roll away from him, and go beyond his ken in their perilous mission .-Beecher.

Whichever way the wind doth blow Some heart is glad to have it so. Then blow it east or blow it west, The wind that blows, that wind is best. -Anon.

Oh! many a shaft at random sent, Finds mark the archer little meant: And many a word, at random spoken, May soothe or wound a heart that's broken.

-Walter Scott.

Above all, I must find a man in each work, or the work leaves me unmoved. My definition of a work of art, were I to formulate it, would be: A work of art is a corner of creation, seen through a temperament = Zalnperament.-Zola.

That country is the richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble and happy beings, and that man is rich-est who, having perfected the functions of his own life to the utmost has also the widest helpful influence, both personal, and by means of his possessions, over the lives of others.—*John Ruskin*.

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Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood for the good or evil side.
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offers each the bloom or blight:
Parts the goats upon the left hand and the sheep upon the right:
And the choice goes by forever 'twixt the darkness and the light. -fames Russell Lowell.

The greatest thing a human soul even does is to see something an tunal sour event saw in a plain way. Hundreds of people can talk for one who can think, but thousands can think for one who can see. To see clearly is poetry, prophecy and religion, all in one.—Ruskin.

'Tis held that sorrow makes us wise .-Tennyson.

Mediocrity can talk, but it is for genius to observe.-Disræli.

Instinct is prior to experience and independent of instruction .- Paley.

People seldom improve when they have no other model but themselves to copy after.—Goldsmith.

There is a past which is gone forever. But there is a future which is still our own. -F. W. Robertson.

Enlarging Life.

I am quite clear that one of our worst failures is at the point where, having resolved like angels we drop back into the old matter-of-fact life, and do just what we did before, because everybody does it; and because our fathers and mothers did it; all of which may be the very reason why we should not do it. There is no station of life and no place of one's home, where, if he wants to enlarge his life in caring for people out-side himself, he may not start on a career of enlargement which shall extend in-definitely. And yet the man who enters upon infinite purposes lives the innfite life.—Phillips Brooks. I am quite clear that one of our worst



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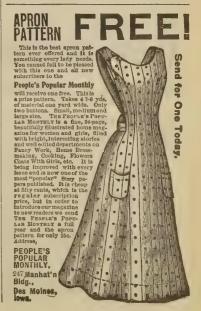
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(Continued from page fourteen) may be a club in your ueighboring town or village. Find out by enquiring or put an advertisement in the country paper saying you would like to join some such club for study and improvement and you will probably learn of others who would be glad of the same opportunity. At most of these clubs or reading circles they talk over what they read, and that teaches you to express your ideas. Dis-cussing things in a friendly manner is a very good way of finding out how much or how little you know about a subject. You will feel less restless when you have something like this to interest you and when you meet strangers next summer when you meet strangers next summer you will feel more at ease in conversing with them. If you want any more sug-gestions, let me know.—Mrs. W.

Annetta:-In answer to your letter in Annetta:-In answer to your letter in which you say you are not very strong in consequence of an illness when you were a child and that you have to stay in the house a great deal in the winter and get tired of reading and doing fancy work, I would suggest that you get some plants and have a little window garden. You do not know what an interest it will You do not know what an interest it will be to you to watch the plants grow and to cut off dead leaves and flowers and see that they do not get any blight on the leaves, and if they do to find a way of getting rid of it. It is like watching children to watch flowers grow and it surprises me that more people do not cultivate a task for flowers

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flowers. When I was doing some work in the Tenement District of New York a little hoy about ten years old came up to me in his mother's flat with a withered geranium flower in his hand that he had picked out of an ash barrel, and as he showed it to me, he said, "Lady isn't this pretty?" Poor little fellow, he had hardly ever seen a flower and this with-ered geranium was a treasure to him. Now is about the time to start hva-

ered geranium was a treasure to him. Now is about the time to start hya-cinth bulbs, but Vick's magazine can tell you a great deal more about those things than I can, and you will find it very interesting to read about flowers. Get a nice sunny window for your plants and put a board on the sill for the flowers to stand on or have some one make you a regular flower stand and do not forget to give the plants water regularly, just as you take your meals. I hope you will try this and see if it does not amuse and interest you.—Mrs. W.

does not amuse and interest you.-Mrs. W. Auxious:-In answering your letter I will refer to one or two points. You say in the first place that you are in love with a certain young man, but that he goes about with other girls and, naturally, this does not please you. But, as you say, he is very young--and so are you. When a young man is away from home influences and associations, he is apt to wander where his fancy leads him. How-ever, if he neglected writing and has no good excuse I think I should speak to him about it, especially if you consider yourselves engaged; but do not be cross only let him know that you have as good a right to hear from him as he has to expect you to write regularly. And do not give up writing regularly if you really care for one another as letters from home have a good influence on a young man. He probably goes about with other girls just to pass the time and as long as he does not pay special attention to any one in particular I should not care if I were in your place. But insist on his writing more often.-Mrs. W. were in your place. But i writing more often.—Mrs. W.

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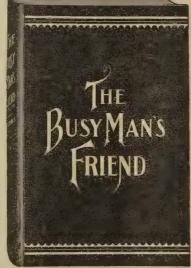
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Every one thinks more of a woman who is careful of her appearance than if she is neglectful of it. The charms of a pretty face are enhanced by a well chosen and becoming dress, while plain features are often relieved by it. As we all wish to leave a favorable impression upon the minds of those we meet the chosen and becoming dress, while plant features are often relieved by it. As we all wish to leave a favorable impression upon the minds of those we meet, the matter of dress becomes an important one. We are told that many women are extravagant and this may be true. Pretty dresses need not be expensive ones, and our wardrobes should be the subject of careful planning and fore-thought. It has become such a common thing for a woman to cut and make her dresses, that it is not considered a sign of poverty, but of greater thrift and man-agement than her neighbor who depends upon a dressmaker. The amount saved every year is a considerable one, and she has excellent opportunities to make neat and becoming garments from her old ones. She knows that it pays to buy good material, for it lasts much longer than cheap goods, can be renovated and made over several times, and looks well until entirely worn out. When woolen gowns are no longer pre-sentable, take them apart and dust the pieces, then wash them in soapsuds. Rinse through two waters, hang it up until about half dry, then iron on the wrong side. If it has not faded, this will make it look fresh and new. Dia-mond dyes are a great help in remodel-ing woolen dresses, for we would usually prefer to change the color before making them over. Then, with the aid of a good pattern, plan the new dress, do the work carefully, and you will be pleased with the result. We often have a garment that is worn out, but are anxious to preserve a pattern.

We often have a garment that is worn we often have a gament that is work out, but are anxious to preserve a pattern. Do not rip it apart but cut every piece as close to the seam as possible. Iron it quite smooth, lay it on your paper, and cut a pattern by it, alllowing for the seams.

seams. The lining of silk waists is often quite good when the outside is worn out. While it would not pay to put them into heavy cloth bodices they can be utilized with but little work for the foundation of pretty silk or light woolen waists.



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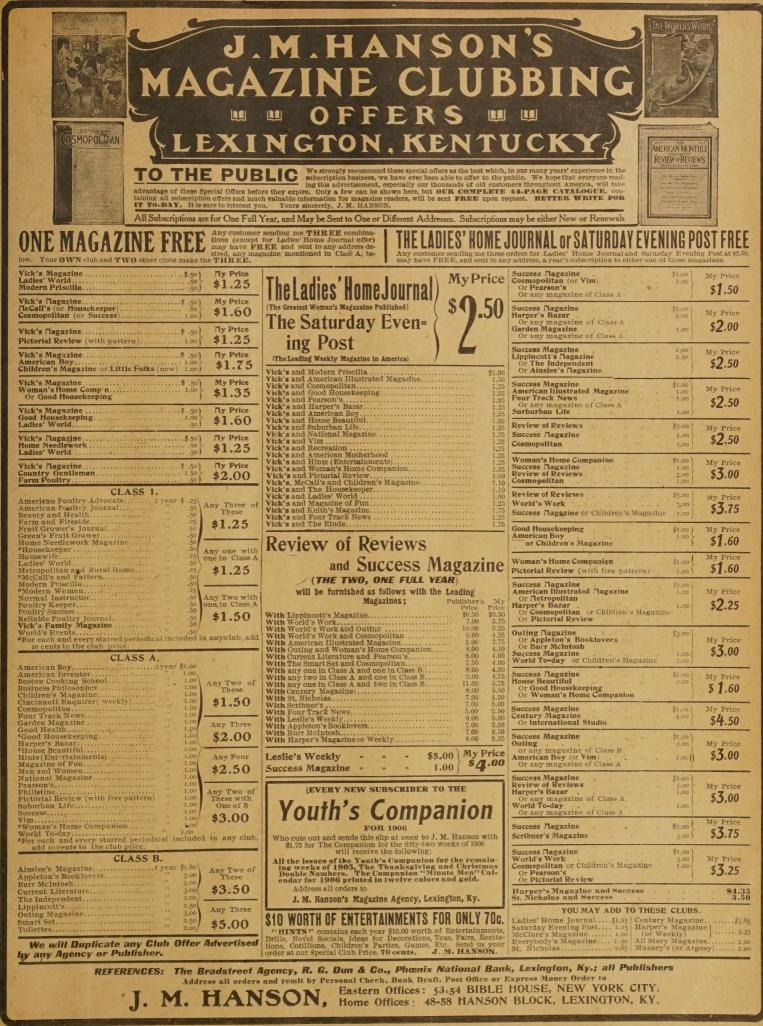
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The invention of Liquozone meant finding a way to utilize gases in the treatment of germ diseases. And millions know from experience something of what that

The main value of Liquozone lies in the fact that it is deadly to germs, vet harmless to living tissues.

That is not true of common germicides. They are poisons when taken internally. That is why medicine has proved so helpless in dealing with germ diseases. The usual germ-killing drugs cannot be taken in effective doses internally.

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Germ Diseases.

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